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Jet-black deeper than darkest of night, spirit most noble, beauty most sublime...
CATCH ME IF YOU CAN.
Rin.
Now, and for eternity.
THEN YOU MAY NAME ME.

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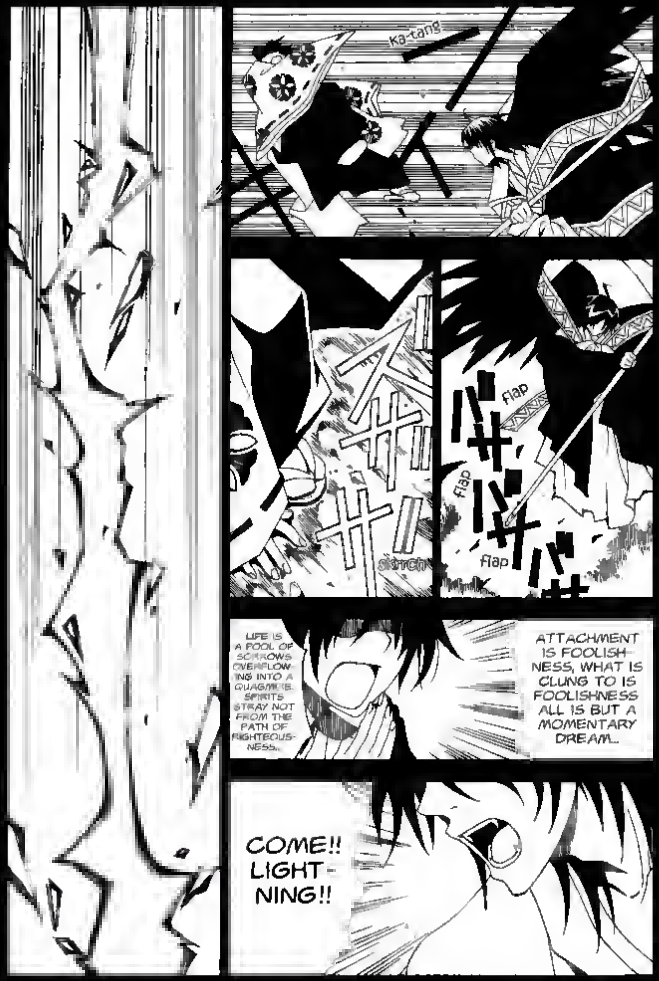
Ka-tang
Flap
Flap
Flap
SKTCH
LIFE IS A POOL OF SORROWS OVERFLOWING INTO A QUAGMIRE. SPIRITS STRAY NOT FROM THE PATH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.
ATTACHMENT IS FOOLISHNESS, WHAT IS CLUNG TO IS FOOLISHNESS ALL IS BUT A MOMENTARY DREAM...
COME!! LIGHTNING!!

I wanna go to the hot springs...

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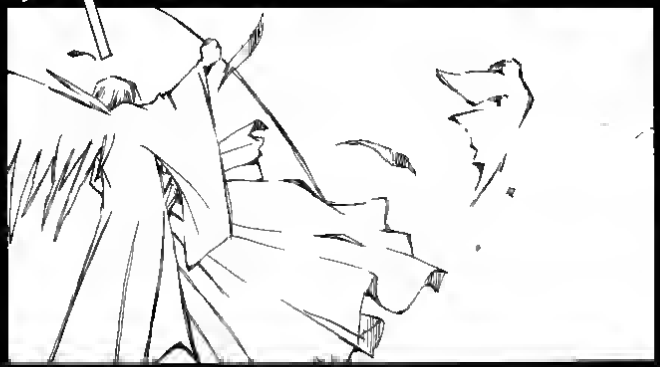
stare
BUT THIS PERSISTENCE IS A LITTLE UNHEALTHY, ONMYOUJI
twitch
whap
whap
whap

BOOOM!!
HEY... DON'T YOU KNOW ANY BETTER, DOING THIS DAY AFTER DAY?
HOW ABOUT YOU GIVE UP ON NAMING ME AND JUST GET ON WITH YOUR LIFE?
Haa...
YOU'LL NEVER BEAT ME. YOU'RE JUST GOING TO DIE TRYING
Haah...
Haah...
I MAY HAVE SAID THAT YOU ONLY NEED TO CATCH
rustle
rustle
Pwahh!

BWOOOSH

I HAVE SNARED THE DEMON EATING TENGU!
HGCK!
?!
WHAT THE HELL?! GROSS!



CRAP, I OVER-DID IT!
THAT FOOL-ISH HUMAN!

KYAAA!
はっ
Gasp!

I CAUGHT YOU, DEMON-EATING TENGU.
YOUR NAME IS...
...RIN...

grab
YOU...
YOU'RE A WOMAN ...?!

HE'D BE A DEMON EATING TENGU'S GREAT EST RIVAL RIGHT?
WE'VE TRADED BLOWS SEVERAL TIMES, THOUGH THERE HASN'T YET BEEN A CLEAR VICTOR
OH, HOW TERRIFYING... I FEAR FOR MY OWN BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER
SHUTEN DOUJI... THAT GUY, HUH?
IT SOUNDS LIKE THE WORK OF THE DEMON SHUTEN DOUJI
HOW MANY YOUNG GIRLS HAVE BEEN SNATCH ED AWAY?
BUT I CAN PROBABLY SLAY HIM NEXT TIME... IF WE DO IT TOGETHER.
RIN...
BE WITH ME ALWAYS RIN YOU'RE MY EVERY THING
...WHEN I'M WITH YOU, I FEEL AS IF THERE'S NOTHING I CAN'T DO

VERY GOOD, RIN.
YOU'VE REALLY GOT A KNACK FOR ON-MYOU-DO!
WAIT DIDN'T YOU THROW ONE OF THESE AT ME BEFORE?!
Shrunkin'ed be dead!
THIS SUPER POWERFUL KUJI IS SURPRIS INGLY SIMPLE TO MAKE.

RIN... OH, RIN...
MY DARLING RIN...
I WON'T LET ANYONE ELSE HAVE YOU.
YOU ARE MINE...
FUJI...?
APPARENTLY SHUTEN DOUJI'S YOUKAI BEAD HAS THE POWER TO LET A SOUL LAST FOR ETERNITY

DO YOU FEEL THE SAME?
FUJI...
YOU UNDER STAND DON'T YOU? YOUKAI AND HUMANS ARE MUCH TOO DIF FERENT.
THE MORE I FEEL AS YOU DO, THE MORE IT'LL HURT TO WATCH YOU GROW OLD AND DIE...
...YOU'RE RIGHT... FORGIVE ME...
I REALLY AM A SELFISH MASTER...

HMM...? OH...
WHAT'S THE MATTER FUJI? YOU HAVEN'T BEEN YOURSELF LATELY.
I'VE HEARD RUMORS THAT SHUTEN'S HEAD IS ENSHRINED IN THE MINAMOTO HOUSE'S TREASURE HALL.
THEY HAVE EN-SHRIN-ED A YOU-KAI?
HE DE-FEATED THE SHUTEN DOUJI...?
LORD RAIKOU MINAMOTO HAS FINALLY SUBDUED SHUTEN DOUJI!
A FEAT WORTHY OF THE GREATEST COM-MANDER OF OUR AGE!

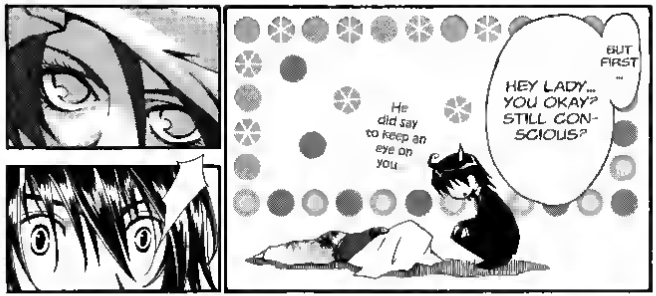
THE SHUTEN DOUJI ?!
WHO'S THAT WITH FUJI ...?

FUJI ...!!
BUT WHY?
...AND THEN...
flash

FUJI...
FUJI, WHERE ARE YOU?!
WH-WHAT'S THIS...?
I CAN'T MOVE...
shwoom
?!

Accursed Killick!!
THAT ACCURSED KICK OF YOURS WOKE ME UP, AND I'VE HAD TO ENDURE THIS PATHETIC EXISTENCE EVER SINCE!
HUH?! SERIOUSLY?!
YOUKO CHAN, GIVE US A MOMENT
I HATE HUMANS.
HIS PRIDE'S CRUSHED LIKE THOSE CRACKERS, I GUESS.
ARE YOU OKAY, HARUKA CHAN?
HARUKA! CALM DOWN! HERE'S WATER!!
I'M SO...
SO..!
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE AFRAID TO TRUST HUMANS, HARUKA

Hey! It's not like I've trusted you with every thing
COME NOW NO NEED TO BE SHY
GAAH, WHY ARE MY MASTERS ALWAYS SCOUNDRELS?!
THANKS FOR TELLING ME ABOUT THIS.
UH, I WOULDN'T SAY I WAS "AFRAID"...
hair
HORRIBLE, ISN'T IT.
IT'S TRUE BEING BETRAYED BY SOMEONE YOU TRUST?
OW!
...I DON'T NEED YOUR PITY, DIMWIT

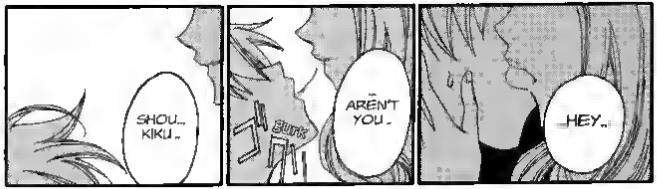

He did say to keep an eye on you...
HEY LADY... YOU OKAY? STILL CONSCIOUS?
BUT FIRST...

wipe

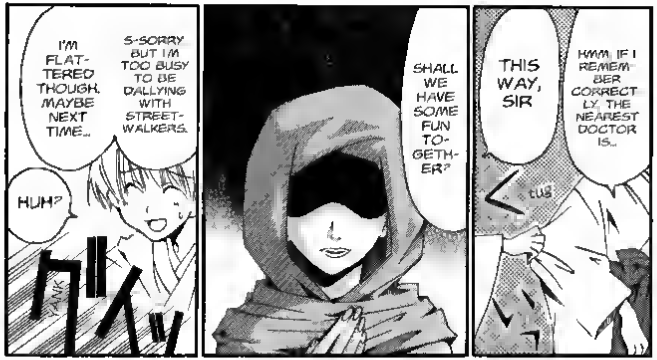
MY APOLOGIES FOR THE SURPRISE ATTACK.
flap

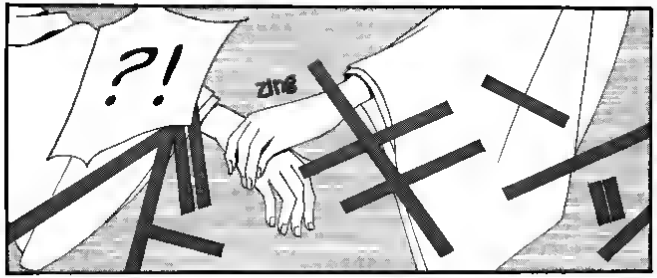
HMM, YOUR STORY'S CLARIFIED A FEW THINGS...
...BUT IT'S ALSO THICKENED THE MYSTERY EVEN FURTHER

WHAT CONCERNS ME MOST IS WHY YOUR FORMER MASTER FUJI WOULD TEAM UP WITH SHUTEN DOUJI
IF SHUTEN WAS YOUR ENEMY, THEN...
HM?
AUUGHH!
THE HELL?!
I'LL GET A DOCTOR! YOU KEEP AN EYE ON HER, HARUKA!
OH?
SURE
...YOU'RE NOT ONE FOR BETRAYAL, ARE YOU, KANTAROU-?

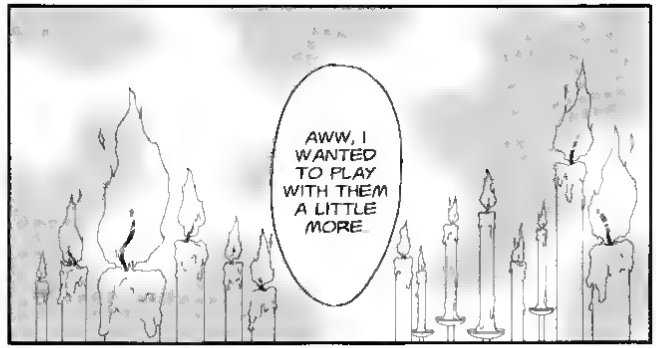

SHOU... KIKU..
BUMP
...AREN'T YOU.
...HEY..

WHAT ...?
DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME ON ME, DEMON EATER
STEP
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!

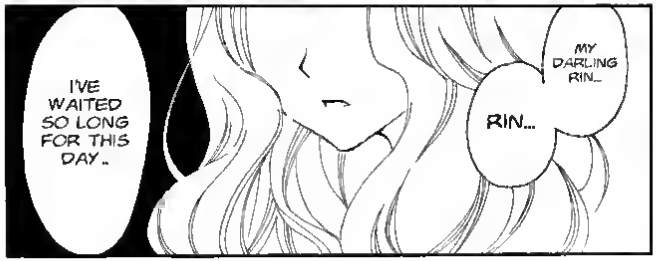

I'M FLATTERED THOUGH. MAYBE NEXT TIME...
S-SORRY BUT I'M TOO BUSY TO BE DALLYING WITH STREET-WALKERS.
HUH?
YANK
SHALL WE HAVE SOME FUN TOGETHER?
THIS WAY, SIR
HMM, IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, THE NEAREST DOCTOR IS..
TUG

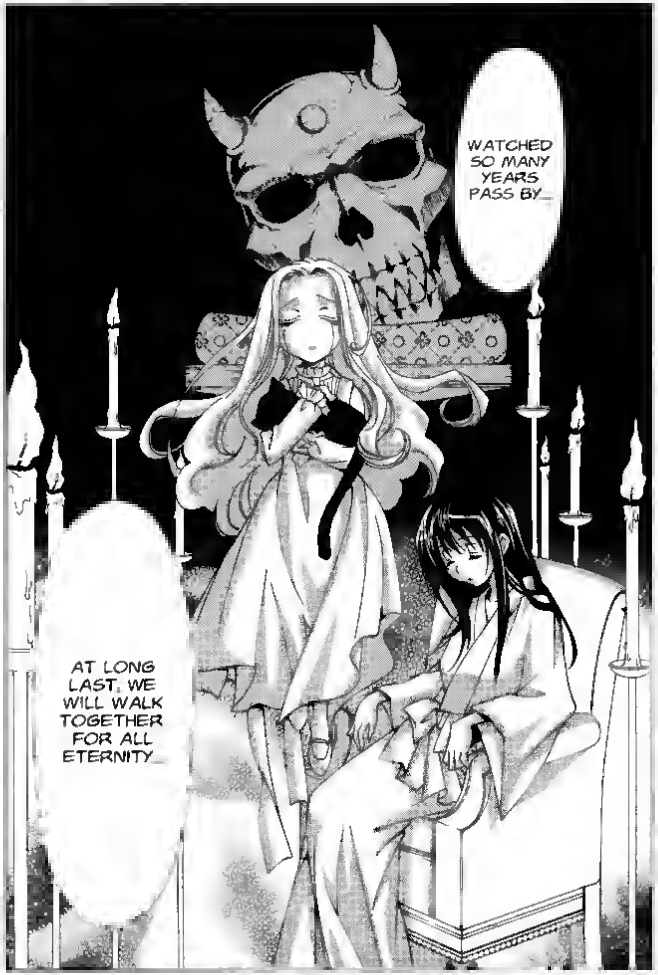

?!
ZING

KAN-TAROU!!
KAN-TAROU, WHERE ARE YOU?!
dribble
GUH..!


AWW, I WANTED TO PLAY WITH THEM A LITTLE MORE.

BUT OUR SELFISH LITTLE LADY..
..WON'T WAIT ANY LONGER.


I'VE WAITED SO LONG FOR THIS DAY..
RIN...
MY DARLING RIN..


WATCHED SO MANY YEARS PASS BY...
AT LONG LAST, WE WILL WALK TOGETHER FOR ALL ETERNITY...

HAAH
HUFF
GUH...!
HA,
URGH ...!!

MM-HM!
NICE WORK, IBARAGI.

Memoirs of a Demon-Eating Tengu
Tou Stage

wham
I AM MARIA USUI ONE OF RAIKOU MINAMOTO'S LOYAL RETAINERS KNOWN AS THE 'FOUR HEAVENLY KINGS.' THANK YOU FOR THE MATCH, DEMON-EATING TENGU.
SO YOU'RE ONE OF THAT BRAT'S SERVANTS. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH KANTA-ROU?
DO YOU EXPECT ME TO ANSWER YOU HONESTLY? CAN A MIGHTY TENGU REALLY BE THAT FOOLISH?
WHY--
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
ENOUGH CRAP! YOU KNOW MY NAME. HOW ABOUT YOU TELL ME YOURS?
YOU SEEM AWFULLY COM-FORTABLE DRAGGING WOMEN INTO DARK ALLEYS.

Thus Sakata's stock in the military goes down ..
as Young Master gets special treatment.

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SPEAKING OF...
Youko, so gung-ho about croquettes that nothing can faze her
Oh well, now we can hurry on home! You've never had croquettes before, have you? They're the most incredible Western dish! We hardly ever get to eat any, so I'm gonna put lots & lots of sauce on this one and split it between the three of us!
DRAG DRAG
The useless weight is split in two much of a panic on their her
Wait, Youko, waitine.

WHERE IS KAN-CHAN?
...

HEY YOU! ICHI-NOMI-YA!
I WAS TRYING TO TELL YOU...
...MINA-MOTO'S UNDER-LING WAS...
UH OH, I CUT THIS PIECE TOO SMALL! KAN-CHAN CAN HAVE IT HERE HERE!
HERE'S YOUR PORTION HARUKA-CHAN

WHY YOU ...!?

HUH...? HARUKA-CHAN?

OH MY, WHERE'D SHE GO?
Quite the shy one
HUH? SOMEBODY THERE? SNIFF-SNIFF... A WOMAN??
NO, WAIT... I CAN EX-PLAIN! HERE LET ME IN TRODUCE—
NO! STAY BACK, YOUKO!
THIS PER-SON'S...!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING OVER THERE?
LOOKY HERE! I GOT A CROQUETTE FROM THE SHOP!

WHEW...
Hah
HUFF
LOOKS LIKE I CAN MANAGE WALKING ...
AUGH ...!!
HUFF
HAAA ...!
WHERE AM I...
creak...
OH, RIGHT... SHOUKIKU MUSTVE ...
...IN-JECTED ME WITH SOME-THING...
URGH ...!
WHAT'S WRONG HARUKA-CHAN?
HM?
AND HERE I WAS TRYING NOT TO GET SUCKED INTO YOUR COMEDY ROUTINE...
Thought I could've you'll like this any better...
LISTEN UP! THIS IS SERI-OUS!
WHOA, WHOA! DID ROSALIE-CHAN GO OUT WITH KAN-CHAN? LUUUCKY! I WANNA ENJOY THE NIGHT LIFE TOO! YAWN... MANNN I'M ALREADY POOPED...
IF YOU WANT HER, YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE ME DOWN FIRST!! COME OUT AND FACE ME!!
Heh heh heh. Save your nerve, huh? You're all talk!
SHUT UP YOU TWO!!!
DON'T YOU DARE THINK THAT I, RYOU-KAN HASUMI, WILL STAND BY AND LET YOU INFECT MY ROSALIE WITH YOUR STUPIDITY GERMS!
JUST WHAT DAS-TARDLY PLOT ARE YOU SCHEM-ING THIS TIME?!
KANTAROU MAY HAVE BEEN KID-NAPPED BY RAIKOU MINAMOTO

Haah
Huff
...
GUH ...!
AREN'T YOU IN CAHOOTS WITH MINAMOTO?! WHY WOULD I DRINK ANYTHING YOU OFFER ME?
HEY, WAIT!
After you
HOW ABOUT WE HAVE SOME TEA IN MY ROOM?

SIGH... THE TRUTH IS, I AM NOT ALLIED WITH EITHER SIDE.
WHAT?! REALLY ??
THAT'S TOO BLUNT
TO BE BLUNT.

NO, I MEAN YOU SPEAKING SO BLUNTLY TO ME NOW IS...
Pretty momentous for one
GIVE ME HAKAMA OR GIVE ME DEATH!

NOOO! SON OF A BITCH!!
THAT STUPID MAJOR GENERAL! I WAS COMPLETELY AGAINST THIS! FORCING A HAKAMA WEARER TO BOW DOWN IS UNCIVILIZED!
HUH? SUDDENLY THERE'S DISSENT IN THE RANKS?
Man, there's a joke in here somewhere about his fetish for split trousers!

...ANYWAY, YOUKO AND HARUKA WILL GET WORRIED IF I DON'T HURRY HOME. NOW WHERE'S THE EXIT...
WHAT IS THIS PLACE...? THEY'VE GOT MONEY TO WASTE ON A BUNCH OF PRIVATE ROOMS, AND JUST LOOK AT THIS HALLWAY... IT ALL REMINDS ME OF ONE BRAT IN PARTICULAR, URGH... MUTTER MUTTER.
MAN, THE WALLS ARE SPINNING...

hait
GUH... I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS..
I'm gonna get chewed out as it is.
BY WHO? AND SAY, YOU LOOK UNWELL. ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT?
YOU SHOULDN'T EXPRESS CONCERN WITH A GRIN
THIS IS THE MINAMOTO MANSION!!
crack
NAH... THIS COULDN'T BE CHINA... I GOT IT!
DING DING! BINGO! YOU ARE CORRECT, SIR!
NI HAO!
E-E-E-E-EDWARDS!!
HUH?! WHY CHINESE?!
Am I in China?

MINA-MOTO...!!
What's with that goofy entrance!!
YOU WON'T WANNA MISS IT!
STAY TUNED FOR SOME MAJOR DEVELOP-MENTS IN OUR NEXT ACT!

WELCOME, KANTAROU ICHINO-MIYA
Creak
What am I, just comic relief?
I'D LIKE TO GET SERIOUS NOW SO OFF STAGE WITH YOU BO-WARDS.
YOU MEAN YOU'RE NOT?
IF IT CONVINCED DEMON EATER TO TELL YOU ABOUT HIS FORMER MASTER THEN TSUGUMI'S DEATH WAS NOT IN VAIN!
...

THE LOVELY LADIES OF THE HOUSE AWAIT YOU.

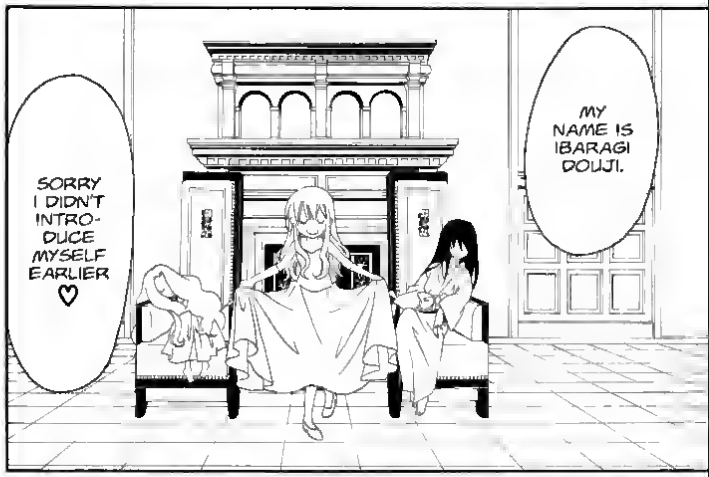
KAN-CHAN'S IN DANGER! YOU GOTTA GO SAVE HIM!
AND SO, I'M JUST SCOUTING THEM OUT. BUT... THERE'S NO BARRIER. COULD THIS BE A TRAP??
YOU'RE GOING UP AGAINST MINAMOTO YOU CAN'T BE TOO CAU-TIOUS, HARUKA!
WHAT A COUPLE OF CLOWNS
WHAT ON EARTH ARE THOSE TWO SHRIEKING ABOUT

BY THE WAY, HAS HARUKA TOLD YOU ABOUT HIS FORMER MASTER??

OKAY, THAT'S A WRAP!
YEAH...

THE LEGEND OF SHUTEN DOUJI
THAT'S FUJI'S SPIRIT...!
THE TALE OF HOW A HEIAN ERA MILITARY COMMANDER, MINAMOTO NO RAIKOU, AND HIS FOUR HEAVENLY KINGS WATANABE NO TSUNA, SAKATA NO KINTOKI, USUI SADAMITSU AND URABE NO SUETAKE...
VANQUISHED THE ROGUE DEMON SHUTEN DOUJI, ALONG WITH HIS ALLY IBARAGI DOUJI WHO BOTH LIVED IN OOEYAMA NEAR THE CAPITAL.
BUT THAT COULD NOT BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH.
HOW SO?

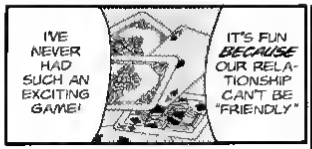
...MASTER ICHINOMIYA.
WELCOME..


SORRY I DIDN'T INTRODUCE MYSELF EARLIER ♡
MY NAME IS IBARAGI DOUJI.

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT...

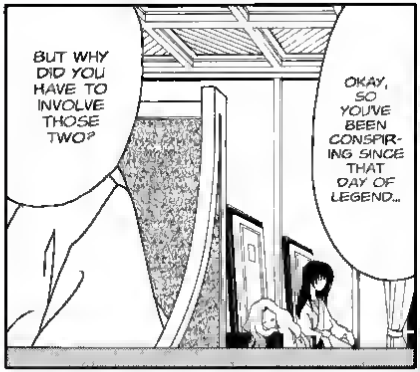
UH...
REALLY...?

FUJI'S SOUL IN THE BODY OF A FEMALE MINAMOTO SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT, BUT FOR SOME REASON AYAME HAS LESS SPIRITUAL POWER THAN A NORMAL HUMAN, SO SHE CAN'T CHANNEL THE SOUL
FIRST, WE NEED TO REVIVE "FUJI," THE DEMON-EATING TENGU'S FORMER MASTER.
THUS WE REQUIRE ROSALIE, WITH HER HIGH SPIRITUAL POWER, TO ACT AS AN INTERMEDIARY
THE UNSEALED DEMON-EATING TENGU...
THE GENIUS GIRL ONMYOUJI, LADY FUJI...
AND SHUTEN DOUJI'S REMAINS... ONCE ALL OF THESE HAVE BEEN ASSEMBLED, OUR DESIRE CAN BE FULFILLED
...AND SO YOUR GOAL IS...
...WHAT EXACTLY?!


I'VE NEVER HAD SUCH AN EXCITING GAME!
IT'S FUN BECAUSE OUR RELATIONSHIP CAN'T BE "FRIENDLY"

WHAT ARE YOU ON ABOUT, SENSEI?
BUT HOW COULD YOU BE ENEMIES BEFORE AND "FRIENDS" NOW?

IT'S HONESTLY A LITTLE DISCONCERTING
IF IT WERE TRUE, THEN WE WOULDN'T BE PLAYING A "FRIENDLY" GAME OF OLD MAID WITH IBARAGI DOUJI NOW WOULD WE?
AND THERE'S A DEMON HERE! AND I FEEL LIKE CRAP!!
Oh really? Here I thought...
PLUS ALL MY CARDS STINK...!
This is a conspiracy...!

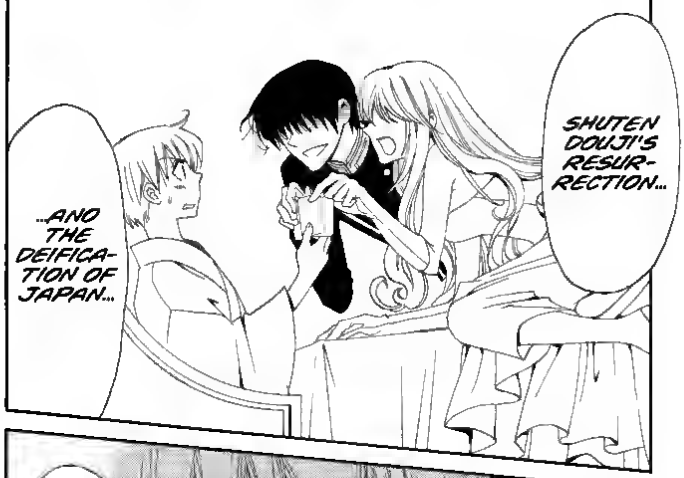

BUT WHY DID YOU HAVE TO INVOLVE THOSE TWO?
OKAY, SO YOU'VE BEEN CONSPIRING SINCE THAT DAY OF LEGEND...

SSIIP
WELL, THERE'S A LOT OF OBSTACLES.

IF OUR DESIRES ALIGN...
...SO TO SPEAK, THEN IT'S QUITE POSSIBLE TO WORK TOGETHER.

TO US, YOU ARE MERELY AN INCONVENIENT INTRUDER
OR YOU CAN DO AS YOU'RE TOLD, AND I'LL SPARE YOUR LIFE
YOU COULD EITHER WAIT AND LET THAT BUG DEVOUR YOUR INTERNAL ORGANS...
Zing
Stitch
CANCEL YOUR NAMING CONTRACT WITH THE DEMON-EATING TENGU.
GWAAH!

...BECAUSE YOU HAD NO HOPE OF WINNING FROM THE START.
WELL, WE ONLY TOLD YOU ABOUT OUR PLANS...
C'MON SENSEI, GO EASY ON YOURSELF...
...AND ADMIT THAT YOU'VE LOST THIS GAME
Slurp


SHUTEN DOUJI'S RESURRECTION...
...AND THE DEIFICATION OF JAPAN...

...UH...
...

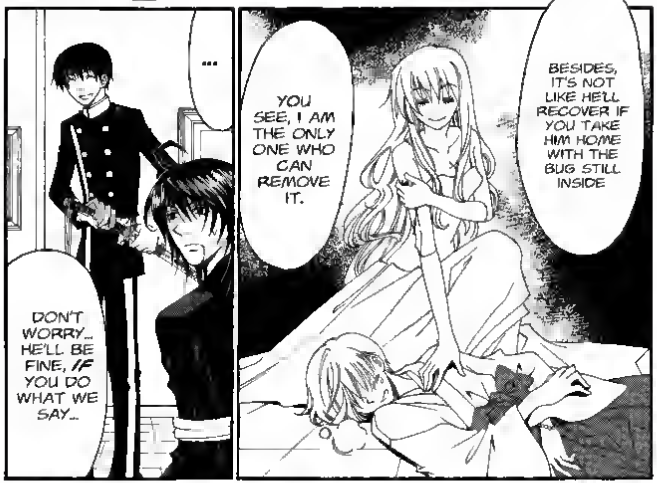
THAT'S FINE, WE ONLY WANT ONE THING FROM YOU.
MY, YOU'RE SHOCKED SPEECHLESS
snap

I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT YOU'RE GETTING EVEN STRONGER. ♡
WHAT EVER FOR? ☆
HUH! LOOKS LIKE DEMON EATER'S LEARNED TO USE HIS HEAD

!
YOU WON'T ESCAPE FROM ME
BUT YOU'RE STILL A YOUKAI

WEL-COME, DEMON EATER!
IM-PRESSED BY WHAT YOU OVER-HEARD?
OHH!

YOU CAN PULL TRICKS LIKE THIS TOO? AWE-SOME
STOP THEM, MINA-MOTO!!
WOW...


...
DON'T WORRY.. HE'LL BE FINE, IF YOU DO WHAT WE SAY..
YOU SEE, I AM THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN REMOVE IT.
BESIDES, IT'S NOT LIKE HE'LL RECOVER IF YOU TAKE HIM HOME WITH THE BUG STILL INSIDE

ALL THOSE YEARS..
ALL THOSE LONG YEARS..
SHE'S WAITED SUCH A VERY LONG TIME FOR YOU TO EMERGE FROM THAT STONE
BE-SIDES, DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE LADY FUJI?

BLAM!
!!
YOU'RE SUPPOS-ED TO SECURE AN ESCAPE ROUTE WHEN EN-TERING ENEMY TERRITORY, DEMON EATER.
TENGU GET IN, BUT THEY CAN'T GET OUT.
SUUSH

THEN I'LL DO AS YOU SUGGEST, AND SEE HER.
WHERE ARE YOU, FUJI?

AFTER SHE TEAMED UP WITH SHUTEN TO TRAP ME?
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.

snuip
!
...
HE BROKE THE KUJI!
WHY NOT ASK THE LADY HERSELF ABOUT THE MATTER?

HARUKA ...!

LET'S SETTLE THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL

I HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO TEACH YOU...
ALL YOU NEED NOW IS SOME GOOD ON-THE-JOB EXPERIENCE.. AND ON THAT NOTE, WE'RE IN LUCK!
Book: The Gigolo — How-To Guide

I JUST RECEIVED AN INVITATION FOR YOU TO BE A WAITER AT GINGA GUREN...
...A COFFEE HOUSE RENOWNED FOR ITS ALL-MALE STAFF AND FEMALE CLIENTELE!
Let's keep this from Kan-chan, kay?
GINGA GUREN

Title: tactics the board game
Bullied by Sapiao-sama!! Confess 1 sad memory!
Win hot with Asumi! Sweet victory! Kiss the cheek of the person to your right!!
Ichinumiya Family Meeting! Rest 1 turn!!
Raikou shows up! Sing 1 song with Raikou!!
GOOOOOAL!

START
Catch a lift on Heruka's back!! Advance 3 spaces!
cursed kick!! AME VER!
Special Bonus Manga Part I

...
CONSE-QUENTLY, LADIES FROM THE UPPER ECHELONS OF SOCI-ETY ARE OUR MAIN CLIEN-TELE
I EST-ABLISHED THIS CAFE TO TEACH SUCH ETI-QUETTE TO THE MEN OF OUR COUN-TRY
A PROPER UNDER-STANDING OF THE CONCEPT OF "LADIES FIRST" IS NECESSARY FOR JAPAN TO STAND EQUAL WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD
I MUST DEMAND THAT THOSE WAITING ON THEM BEHAVE IN A MANNER AS BEFITS THEIR STATION
APPEAR-ANCE DIGNITY CHIVALRY ALL RE-QUIRE THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SKILL
...SHOULD BE TAKEN AS A GREAT COMPLI-MENT
YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN THE WAIT STAFF OF GINGA GUREN...

Workplace marriages never go well.
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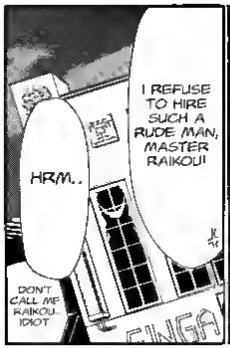
Hmm.
I AM "SUGI," THE MANAGER OF GINGA GUREN. THINK YOU CAN MATCH ME IN SKILL WITH THE LADIES?

THIS MAN WILL EXPLAIN THE CAFE IN DETAIL. PAY CLOSE ATTENTION.

THIS MAN'S PRESENCE!


I REFUSE TO HIRE SUCH A RUDE MAN, MASTER RAIKOU!
HRM..
DON'T CALL ME RAIKOU, IDIOT
GINGA

WOW, YOU PICKED UP ON THAT RIGHT AWAY!
ADDING 20 POINTS FOR PERCEPTION!

How can you criticize when we only just met?!
ARE YOU SURE HE'S CUT OUT TO BE A MANAGER? HIS ACUMEN SEEMS RATHER LOW...

I'M SHIKIMI RYUUSEIIN, THE OWNER OF THIS CAFE.
WELCOME TO THE TEAM.

I wasn't asking...
Incidentally, this is a chocolate cigar.

I'M MARKING YOU DOWN 20 POINTS ON SENSE OF HUMOR.
COME, COME! A TRITE PHRASE LIKE THAT WON'T PASS MUSTER WITH ME.
...HAVEN'T I SEEN YOU SOMEWHERE BEFORE...?
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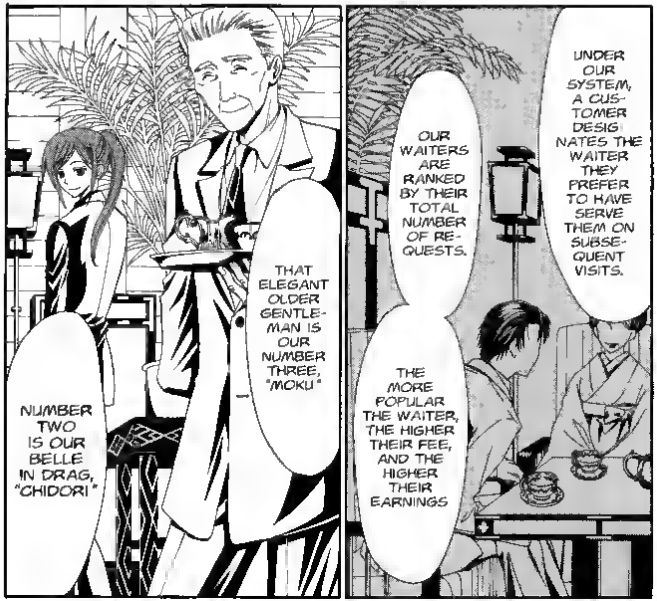

NUMBER TWO IS OUR BELLE IN DRAG, "CHIDORI"
THAT ELEGANT OLDER GENTLEMAN IS OUR NUMBER THREE, "MOKU"
OUR WAITERS ARE RANKED BY THEIR TOTAL NUMBER OF REQUESTS.
UNDER OUR SYSTEM, A CUSTOMER DESIGNATES THE WAITER THEY PREFER TO HAVE SERVE THEM ON SUBSEQUENT VISITS.
THE MORE POPULAR THE WAITER, THE HIGHER THEIR FEE, AND THE HIGHER THEIR EARNINGS

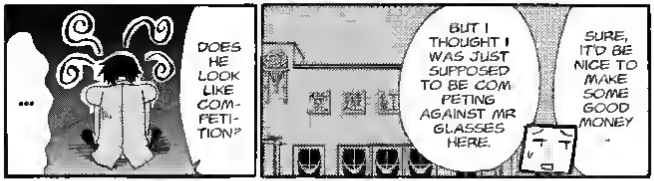
POSSESSING STYLE, ELEGANCE, AND BREEDING, HE IS A MAN WHOM A CERTAIN NOVELIST DECLARED TO BE *TOO* ADEPT AT HIS TRADE.
AND OUR NUMBER ONE IS "YURI," VOTED "MAN I'D MOST LIKE TO MARRY" BY THE LADIES OF THE CAPITAL

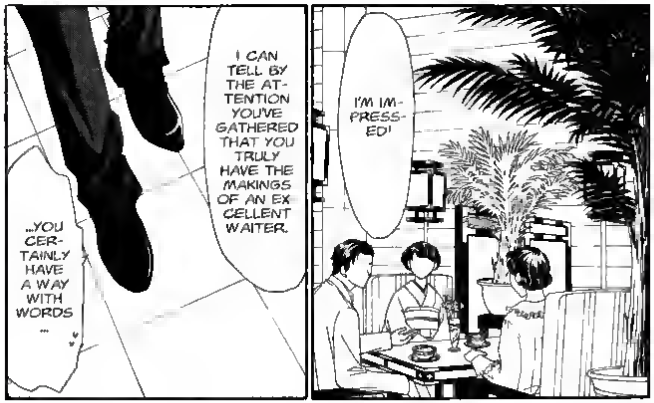
I THINK I'LL INTERVIEW YOU FOR HIS POSITION!
WHA...?!
YOU SHOWED GREAT METTLE WHEN SPEAKING TO MY MANAGER.

RE QUESTS ?
NUMBER ONE?
...I'LL MAKE YOU THE MANAGER OF GINGA GUREN
You're firing me?!
YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH
BUT I'M STILL THE MANAGER!
IF YOU CAN DEFEAT OUR NUMBER ONE IN GETTING CLIENT REQUESTS...
THAT'S RIGHT

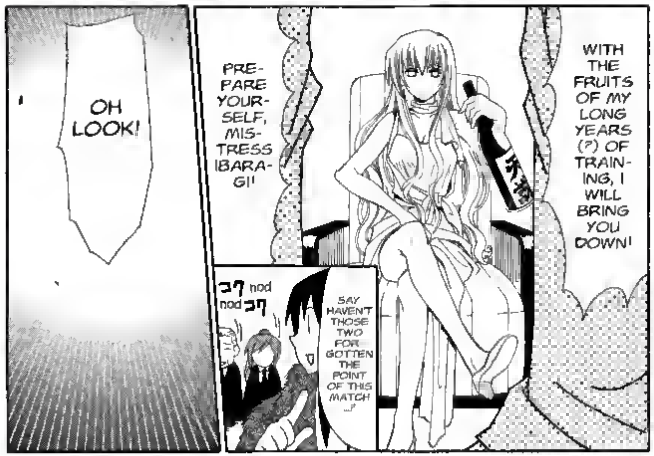
HEY YOU TWO!
AS THOSE COMMIS SIONED WITH MEAL PRESENTATION IN WESTERN COUNTRIES WERE GIVEN THE MONIKER WAITER, SO IN THIS MANNER WOMEN'S DESIRES ARE GRANTED BY THE METHODS OF THIS LIFE, THE FIRST...
blah blah
AFTER ALL, THE WORD "WAITER" ORIGI NATES FROM...
THAT'S THE TRICK TO SUC CEEDING IN THIS LINE OF WORK.
MASTER RAI-- AHEM... OWNER, TO WHOM ARE YOU REFER RING?
YOUR TARGET IS ABOUT TO ARRIVE, SO BE READY!
JEEZ LOUISE...
THE ONE WHO RE QUIRES... SPECIAL HANDL ING.

LIKE THE FAMOUS GENJI "STAND YOUR GROUND!"
...AND YOUR WIN WILL HERALD THE AS CENSION OF A NEW CAFE MAN AGER.
WHOEVER GAINS THE REQUEST OF OUR TOUGHEST CUSTOMER WILL BE THE WINNER.


...
DOES HE LOOK LIKE COM PETI TION?
SURE, IT'D BE NICE TO MAKE SOME GOOD MONEY.
BUT I THOUGHT I WAS JUST SUPPOSED TO BE COM PETING AGAINST MR GLASSES HERE.


I CAN TELL BY THE AT TENTION YOUVE GATHERED THAT YOU TRULY HAVE THE MAKINGS OF AN EX CELLENT WAITER.
...YOU CER TAINLY HAVE A WAY WITH WORDS ...
I'M IM PRESS ED!

AND I'LL TELL YOU, LADY, I'M NO "BEEEP" !!
MY LOVE OF WOMEN FOSTERED FOR OVER 30 YEARS SHALL NOT WAVER !!
SMACK


OH LOOK!
PREPARE YOURSELF, MISTRESS IBARAGI!
WITH THE FRUITS OF MY LONG YEARS (?) OF TRAINING, I WILL BRING YOU DOWN!
ｺｸｺｸ nod nod ｺｸ
SAY HAVEN'T THOSE TWO FORGOTTEN THE POINT OF THIS MATCH ...!

WELL PISS OFF.
YOU "BEEEP"

BEING UNACCUSTOMED TO INSULTS HAS LEFT HIM MORE VULNERABLE
OH NO...

...I WILL NOT SUCCUMB TO SUCH MISTREATMENT...

SO YOU'D LIKE TO SERVE THE GREAT AND FAMOUS SHOUKIKU AYANOKOUJI?
YOU KEPT BEGGING AND BEGGING ME TO COME, SO FINE, HERE I AM.
ｷｬﾊﾊﾊ CA HA HA HA HA
THERE REALLY ARE PEOPLE WITH LOW ASPIRATIONS WHO DON'T GET STAR STRUCK BY MEETING FAMOUS PEOPLE
SO THEY'RE JUST HERE FOR THE BOOZE?

IT'S MACK-EREL!
ZZZ
ZZZ
ZZZ
WHAT'S THIS BILL FOR? "REPAIR EX-PENSES" ?!
LATER...
Master Raikou... Try not to be so elaborate with your pranks...
TEASING DEMON EATER IS LOADS OF FUN EH, IBARAGI?
BOOM!
GAHH!
AUUGH! NOT MACKEREL!

WHAT A COLD-HEARTED MASTER...
OH, COME ON!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DIDN'T KEEP A TIGHT HOLD ON HER
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, HARUKA!!
Wha ...?!
ガビーン!
Aghast
I'LL COME BACK FOR YOU RIGHT AFTER I DROP OFF KANTAROU, SO HOLD OUT UNTIL THEN, YOUKO.
YOU JERKS!!
KAN-CHAN, HARUKA-CHAN...

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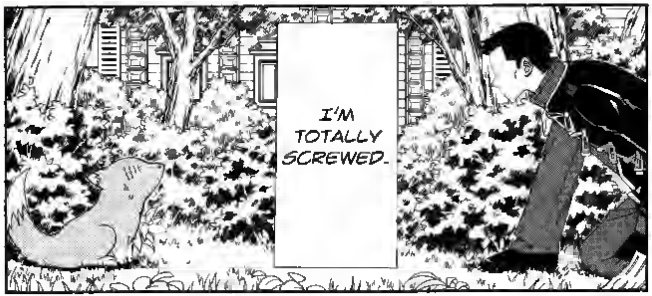
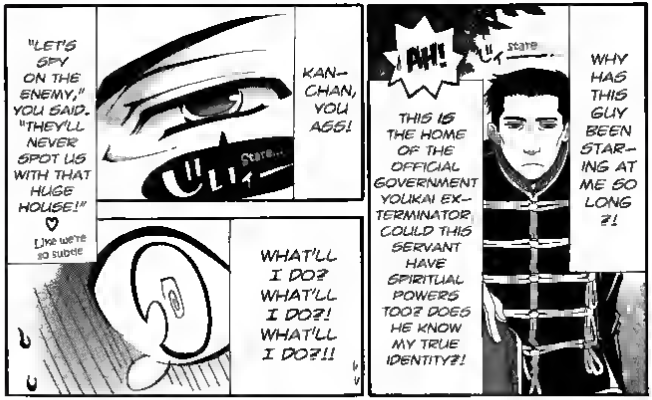
CURSE YOU BOTH.
Chowderheads.
KAN-CHAN, HARUKA-CHAN...


I'M TOTALLY SCREWED.


"LET'S SPY ON THE ENEMY," YOU SAID. "THEY'LL NEVER SPOT US WITH THAT HUGE HOUSE!"
Like we're so subtle
Stare...
KAN-CHAN, YOU ASS!
WHAT'LL I DO? WHAT'LL I DO?! WHAT'LL I DO?!!
AH!
Stare...
THIS IS THE HOME OF THE OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT YOUKAI EXTERMINATOR. COULD THIS SERVANT HAVE SPIRITUAL POWERS TOO? DOES HE KNOW MY TRUE IDENTITY?!
WHY HAS THIS GUY BEEN STARING AT ME SO LONG?!

Hijashi

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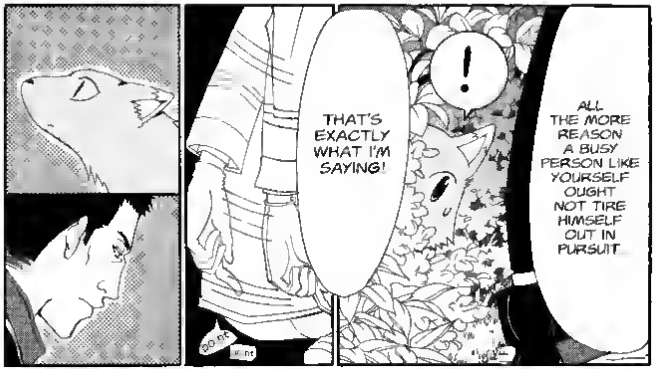

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M SAYING!
!
ALL THE MORE REASON A BUSY PERSON LIKE YOURSELF OUGHT NOT TIRE HIMSELF OUT IN PURSUIT.
GOOSH
MERE

AH WELL, IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE LIKE THAT...
SLIP

I'LL LET YOU SAVE FACE.
THIS ONCE, AT LEAST.

KAN-CHAN! HARUKA-CHAN!
SAVE ME!!
scrunch

HIYA, WATA-NABE!
WELL, WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

EVEN IF THEY JUST BROKE IN ON A WHIM, IT'S STILL A REAL BOTHER FOR ME.
ABSO-LUTELY, SIR.
JEEZ, SCOUTING OUT MY HOME... THOSE GUYS ARE EITHER RECK-LESS, OR RASH.
HUH, GUESS THEY DID BREAK THEIR WAY OUT THROUGH THE BAR-RIER...
NO, I DID NOT SEE THEM, MASTER RAIKOU.
DID DEMON EATER AND ICHINO-MIYA-SENSEI COME THIS WAY?

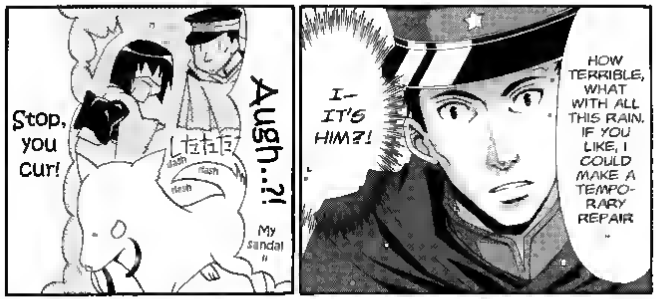
HOW VERY KIND OF YOU, SIR.

EVEN THOUGH HE'D HAVE GOTTEN IN TROUBLE FOR IT...
THAT GUY LET ME ESCAPE.

I'VE HAD TERRIBLE LUCK LATELY.
I SCREW UP AT WORK, AND THEN I GO HOME AND BURN OUR DINNER.
WHAT A STRANGE MAN...
IT'S LIKE I GOT JINXED AFTER GOING TO THAT HOUSE.

DID YOUR SANDAL STRAP BREAK?
TODAY, IT STARTED RAINING ON MY WAY HOME!
AND NOW THIS HAPPENS!
OF ALL THE ROTTEN LUCK!

I'M NOT REALLY A CITIZEN— HECK, I'M NOT EVEN HUMAN.
AH, WONDERFUL.
I THOUGHT PINK WOULD SUIT YOU.
I WANTED TO SEE YOU IN WESTERN CLOTHES.
FOR ME, THAT IS REASON ENOUGH.
UH... THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO DO THIS FOR ME...
BUT THERE IS.
HUH?
IT TICKLES ---


Augh..?!
Stop, you cur!
My sandal "
I— IT'S HIM?!
HOW TERRIBLE, WHAT WITH ALL THIS RAIN. IF YOU LIKE, I COULD MAKE A TEMPORARY REPAIR "

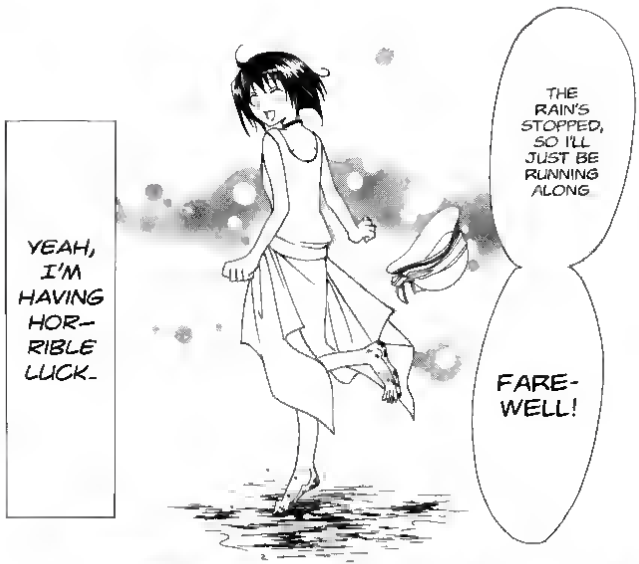
YIKES!
FEAR NOT, YOUNG LADY.

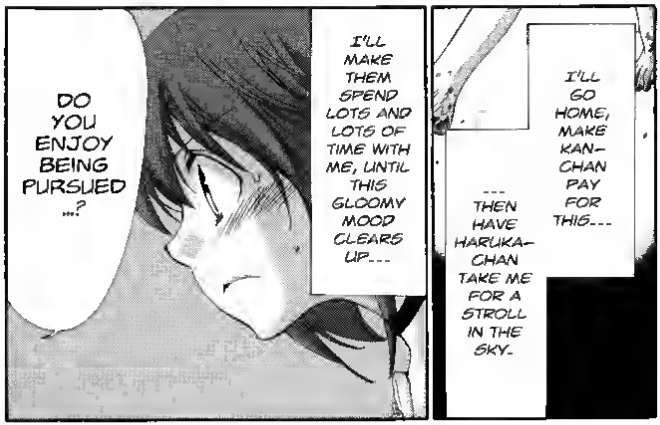
WELL UH.
IT IS A SOLDIER'S DUTY TO BE OF AID TO CITIZENS IN TROUBLE
I AM SUEKICHI NOBU WATANABE, A MEMBER OF THE ARMY IMPERIAL GUARDS

HE'S ALSO A SOLDIER, AND I DON'T CARE MUCH FOR THEM. BESIDES ...
BUT HE'S ASSOCIATED WITH THE MAN WHO WANTS TO DO BAD THINGS TO KAN-CHAN AND HARUKA-CHAN.
Clatter
OUCH!
HE'S HUMAN, AND I'M YOUKAI.
HERE
I CAN'T WEAR THESE YOU CAN HAVE THEM BACK. I'LL RETURN THE REST OF THE OUTFIT LATER.
OH...?
...PARDON ME.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

THESE CLOTHES WOULD BE HEART BROKEN WITHOUT THEIR RIGHTFUL OWNER.
PLEASE DO
HOWEVER, IT WAS MY FANCY TO TAKE YOU HERE, SO PLEASE FEEL FREE TO KEEP THE CLOTHES
NO, I COULDN'T
Not that...
Have you no shame?
WHAT A WEIRDO!
BUT BEFORE I KNEW IT, HE'D SEIZED THE INITIATIVE.
HE TREATED ME KINDLY AND GENTLY FROM THE START ...
THIS GUY REALLY IS AN ODD SORT...
flinch
OR I COULD ESCORT YOU HOME FOR NOW, AND SEE YOU ON A LATER DATE.
IF YOU HAVE NOWHERE TO BE, MIGHT I ASK YOU TO JOIN ME FOR TEA?
slip
YET, I DON'T MIND, SOMEHOW...

beam
WHA...?!
IT'S DIFFICULT WITHOUT SHOES...
shock
HM?
UH OH.
WAIT, HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
SO, YOU KNEW I WAS "DEMON FOX YOUKO" THIS WHOLE TIME?!
Creepers!
skreee
hisssss
MISS YOUKO, YOUR SHOES...
GO AWAY! I CAN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU!

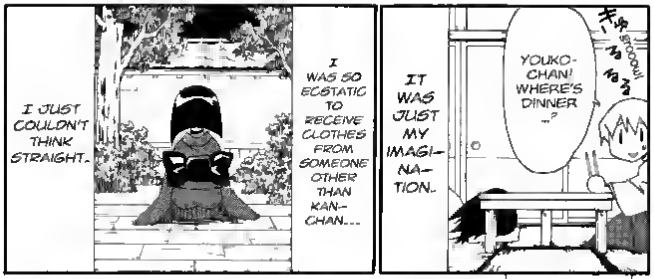

THE RAIN'S STOPPED, SO I'LL JUST BE RUNNING ALONG
FAREWELL!
YEAH, I'M HAVING HORRIBLE LUCK.


DO YOU ENJOY BEING PURSUED...?
I'LL MAKE THEM SPEND LOTS AND LOTS OF TIME WITH ME, UNTIL THIS GLOOMY MOOD CLEARS UP---
---THEN HAVE HARUKA-CHAN TAKE ME FOR A STROLL IN THE SKY.
I'LL GO HOME, MAKE KAN-CHAN PAY FOR THIS---

SALIVA IS A DIS-INFEC-TANT...
What of it?
WHACK

WHAT...
...ARE YOU DOING...?

MASO-CHIST?
ALWAYS MAKING WOMEN ANGRY AND GETTING SLAPPED FOR YOUR EFFORTS... YOU'RE SUCH A...
I JUST CAN'T HELP MYSELF WHEN I SEE A PRETTY FACE.
OH, PLEASE
YOU'RE A SADIST. YOU ENJOY MAKING WOMEN CRY, YOU AWFUL MAN.


I JUST COULDN'T THINK STRAIGHT.
I WAS SO ECSTATIC TO RECEIVE CLOTHES FROM SOMEONE OTHER THAN KAN-CHAN...
IT WAS JUST MY IMAGI-NA-TION.
YOUKO-CHAN! WHERE'S DINNER...?
SPOOON

I'M SO GLAD I WASN'T BORN A WOMAN...
I'LL NEVER FALL FOR A PERVERT LIKE THAT.

OH...
Heh
CHECK YOUR FACE! THERE'S STILL A SLAP-MARK THERE
HM? THAT CAME OUT OF NO-WHERE

BUT HEY...
SHEESH! I'LL TELL YOU, I THANKED MY STARS THAT I WASN'T A WOMAN WHEN I FIRST MET YOU.
I'M AFRAID THAT'S NOT TO MY TASTE AT ALL.
THEY DO SAY THE LADIES ALWAYS GO FOR THE BAD BOYS.
HOW IRRA-TIONAL.

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WON-
DERFUL.
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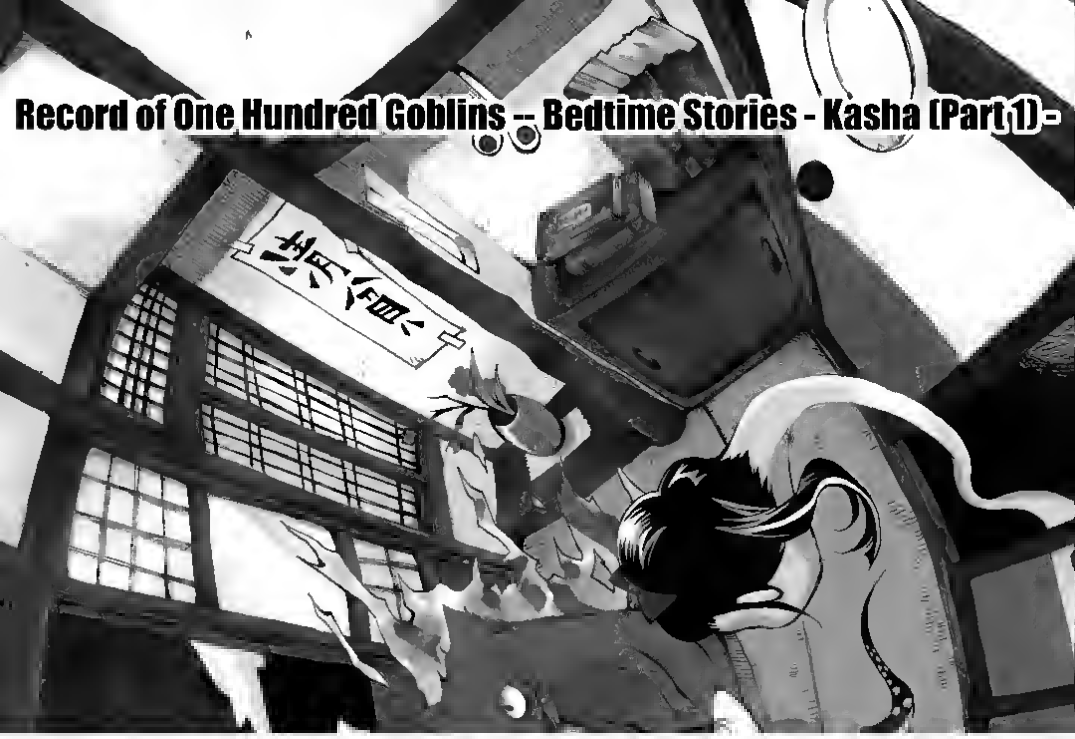

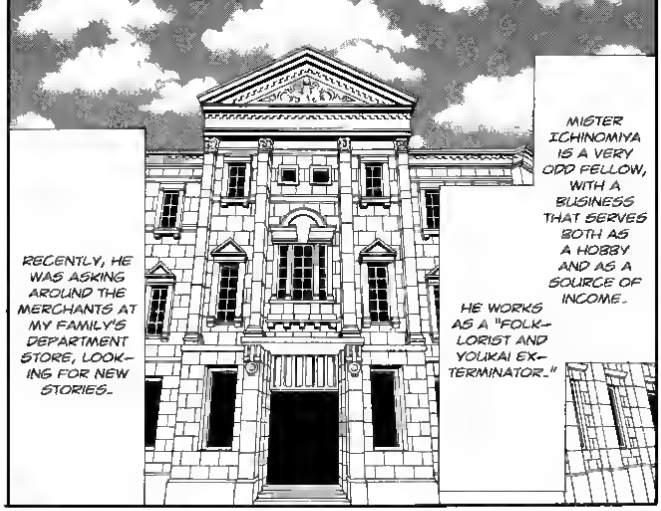
RECENTLY, HE WAS ASKING AROUND THE MERCHANTS AT MY FAMILY'S DEPARTMENT STORE, LOOKING FOR NEW STORIES.
HE WORKS AS A "FOLKLORIST AND YOUKAI EXTERMINATOR."
MISTER ICHINOMIYA IS A VERY ODD FELLOW, WITH A BUSINESS THAT SERVES BOTH AS A HOBBY AND AS A SOURCE OF INCOME.

OH! LONG TIME NO SEE, ITOU!
MY APOLOGIES FOR NOT KEEPING IN TOUCH.
ICHINOMIYA-SENSEI!!
HE SEEMED TO ENJOY HAVING A SINGLE LOCATION WHERE HE COULD SHOP FOR CUSTOMS AND LEGENDS FROM ALL ACROSS JAPAN.

And people don't get REAAAAAALLY cranky when they're hungry.
I'm hungry....
I kinda spiritually a cameraman at the amusement park that other day
By Sakura

tactics

SAYAMA PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY.
HUH ...?
WHAAAT?!
THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT... IT ALL HAPPENED VERY SUDDENLY
I SEE YOU'RE TAKING NOTES, ICHINOMIYA SENSEI.
YEP
I'VE GOT AN APPOINTMENT WITH MISTER SAYAMA OF H-COMMODITIES HAVE YOU SEEN HIM, ITOU?
OH...
SENSEI, I HATE TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT...
SO, WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE ON THIS RARE OCCASION?
WELL, MY PARENTS ABSOLUTELY INSISTED THAT I ATTEND THIS DINNER PARTY
HOW ARE THINGS WITH MISTER HARUKA ...?
HE'S AS REBELLIOUS AS EVER.

OH!
BUT THE PROCESSION IS TOMORROW...
YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO MAKE IT TO T VILLAGE IN TIME EVEN IF YOU LEFT RIGHT AWAY...
DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT THAT... I HAVE MY WAYS...
Heh heh heh...
?
I BELIEVE MISTER SAYAMA WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WENT THERE YOURSELF
DIDN'T YOU ASK HIM TO INVESTIGATE HIS HOMETOWN OF T VILLAGE?
I SEE...
Gloom...
I'M AFRAID WORK MATTERS WILL KEEP ME FROM GOING MYSELF
IN THAT CASE, WHY DON'T YOU ATTEND THE FUNERAL?
WHAT DO I DO...?
I'D ASKED SAYAMA TO DO SOME INVESTIGATING FOR ME.

THE BODY'S ...!!
GAAHHHH!!
HUH?
観自在菩薩 行深般若波羅蜜多時
HARUKA, GO HELP THEM GET THE BODY BACK DOWN.
KYA-SHA? WHAT'S THAT?
HAS HE BEEN HEXED BY THE KYASHA?!
THAT UN-GRATE-FUL SON OF MINE!

I'M NOT SPEAKING TO YOU EVER AGAIN...
grind grind
OH, THERE'S THE PLACE LET'S HURRY, HARUKA!
EVEN A LONG-DISTANCE NON-STOP FLIGHT SHOULDN'T EXHAUST THE GREAT TENGU OF LEGEND, SHOULD IT?
HM?
Clatter

舍利子 是諸法空相
不生不滅 不垢不淨
不增不減 是故空中
空即是色
受想行識亦復如是

SO MY SON REALLY WAS KYASHA-HEXED! IT'S A DIS-GRACE TO OUR FAMILY NAME!
PLEASE, DO SOME-THING ABOUT IT, MASTER! I'LL PAY ANY-THING!
MASTER FUJI-ZONO!
THE CORPSE FELL
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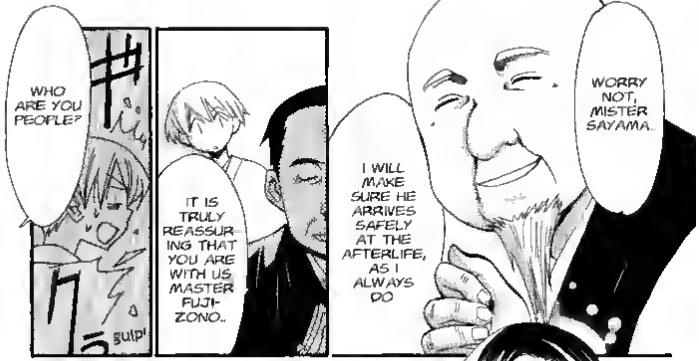

WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE?
IT IS TRULY REASSUR-ING THAT YOU ARE WITH US, MASTER FUJI-ZONO..
I WILL MAKE SURE HE ARRIVES SAFELY AT THE AFTERLIFE, AS I ALWAYS DO
WORRY NOT, MISTER SAYAMA.
gulp!

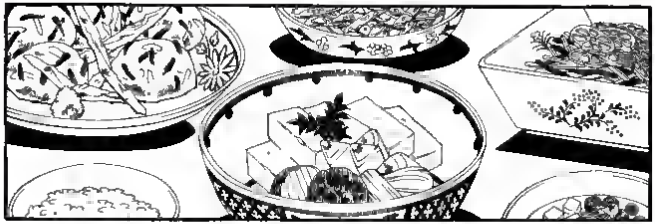
blush
CAPITAL
DID YOU JUST SAY THE CAPITAL?
OH, WE'RE ACQUAIN-TANCES OF MISTER SAYAMA'S, FROM THE CAPITAL..
WOW, IS THAT OKAY?!
COULD THESE TRAVELERS STAY AT THE TEMPLE?
MAS-TER!

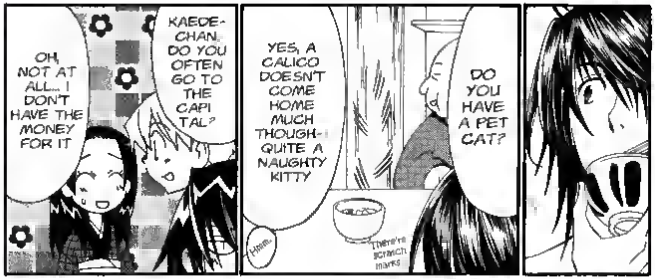
...
WELL THEN I'LL HAPPILY TAKE YOU UP ON THAT OFFER
THE TEMPLE IS MY HOME SO PLEASE DON'T HESITATE.

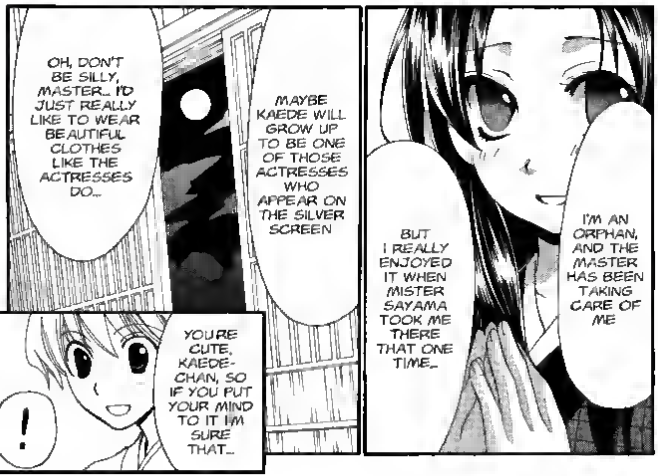
I SEE WE SHARE AN INTEREST IN THE STRANGE AND UNUSUAL.
YES, AND YOU WERE THE ONE HELPING HIM OUT, MASTER...?
SO YOU WERE THE ONE WHO HAD THE SAYAMA BOY DO RESEARCH ON THE KYASHA?
IT IS MY CALLING AS A FOLKLORIST TO RESEARCH AND ANALYZE CUSTOMS, SO THAT I MAY PRESERVE THEM FOR POSTERITY
HE RUMMAGED THROUGH MY LIBRARY FOR STORIES PERTINENT TO THE KYASHA

I WAS INVESTIGATING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN YOUR "KYASHA" AND THE YOUKAI KNOWN AS "KASHA."
AH, I SEE
THE KASHA IS AN EMISSARY TO PEOPLE WHO COMMITTED EVIL DEEDS DURING THEIR LIFETIME, DRAGGING THEM TO HELL
CONSEQUENTLY, THOSE FOR WHOM THE KASHA COME ARE SAID TO BRING SHAME UPON THEIR FAMILY.
IT'S ALSO SAID THAT THE KASHA WILL OPEN THE COFFIN AND CARRY AWAY THE CORPSE, JUST LIKE WE SAW WITH MISTER SAYAMA.

NO. MY SUTRA IS MERELY THE POPULAR HANNYA SHINGYO "HEART SUTRA," AND NEITHER I NOR ANY OTHER VILLAGERS HAVE SEEN THE KYASHA, ONLY THE KYASHA-HEXED
ARE YOU PRACTICING SOME SPECIAL ART OR DO YOU YOURSELF HAVE SOME CONNECTION TO THE KYASHA?
THE BODY REALLY DOES MOVE BY ITSELF AND FOR SOME REASON I AM THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN STOP IT. I HAVE GAINED MANY PARISHIONERS THANKS TO THAT
IN THIS VILLAGE THOSE WHO SEE THE "KYASHA" ARE KNOWN AS THE "KYASHA-HEXED" CURSED WITH AN UNTIMELY DEATH, AFTER WHICH THE KYASHA WILL CARRY AWAY THE CORPSE TO DEVOUR THE ENTRAILS.




KAEDE-CHAN, DO YOU OFTEN GO TO THE CAPITAL?
OH, NOT AT ALL... I DON'T HAVE THE MONEY FOR IT
DO YOU HAVE A PET CAT?
YES, A CALICO DOESN'T COME HOME MUCH THOUGH-I QUITE A NAUGHTY KITTY
Hmm
There're scratch marks

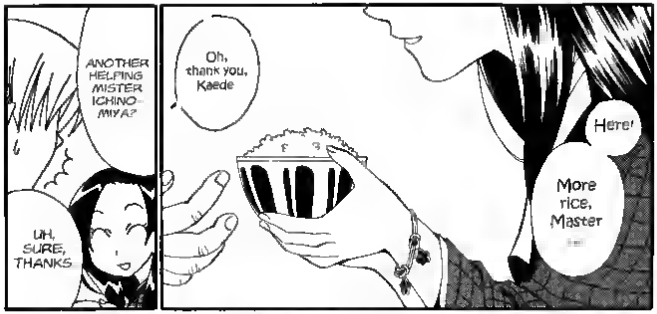

MAYBE KAEDE WILL GROW UP TO BE ONE OF THOSE ACTRESSES WHO APPEAR ON THE SILVER SCREEN
OH, DON'T BE SILLY, MASTER... I'D JUST REALLY LIKE TO WEAR BEAUTIFUL CLOTHES LIKE THE ACTRESSES DO...
YOU'RE CUTE, KAEDE-CHAN, SO IF YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO IT I'M SURE THAT...
!
I'M AN ORPHAN, AND THE MASTER HAS BEEN TAKING CARE OF ME
BUT I REALLY ENJOYED IT WHEN MISTER SAYAMA TOOK ME THERE THAT ONE TIME...

IF NOTHING ELSE, THE FACT THAT THE SAYAMA BOY DIED AFTER HE BEGAN RESEARCHING THE KYASHA HAS FURTHER INCREASED THE VILLAGERS' TERROR.
THEY ALSO DON'T TAKE KINDLY TO STRANGERS... YOU REALLY SHOULD RETURN TO THE CAPITAL BEFORE ANYTHING UNTOWARD HAPPENS

ENOUGH OF THIS DRY CONVERSATION...
...IT'S TIME FOR DINNER! ♡
I want all the latest news from the capital if you will!
Nick

?
HARUKA, SIT BOY!
WHY YOU... KANTAROU! WHAT ARE---
NOT AT ALL! IT WOULDVE BEEN TOO MUCH FOR YOU TO HANDLE ALONE, KAEDE-CHAN.
I'M SORRY MISTER HARUKA HAD TO HELP ME OUT...

WHAT'S ...
...GOING ON IN THAT ROOM?


ANOTHER HELPING MISTER ICHINOMIYA?
UH, SURE, THANKS
Oh, thank you, Kaede
Here!
More rice, Master

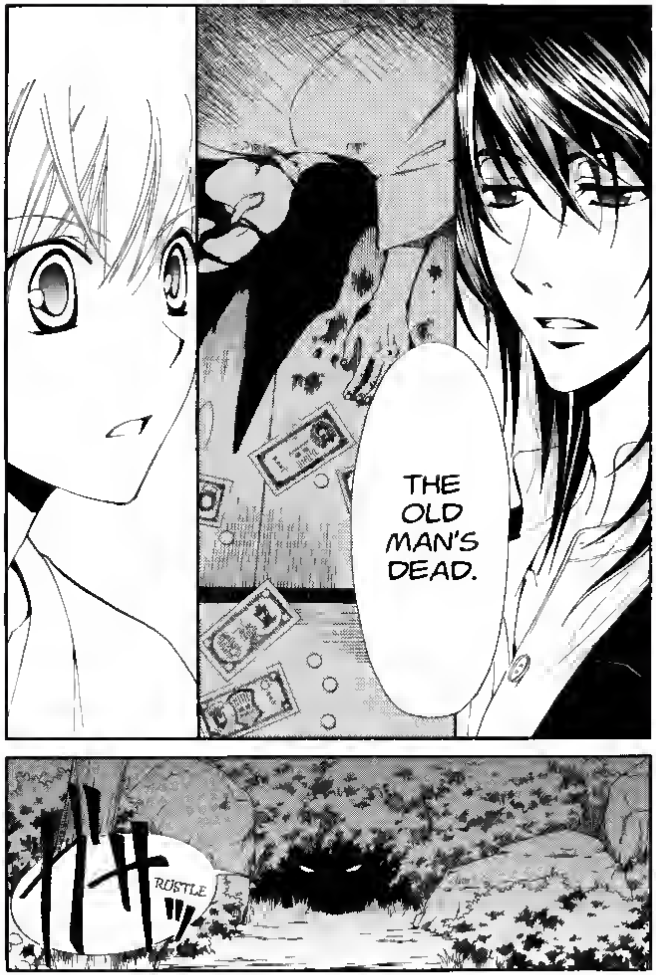
...

...AH.

I'D FORGOTTEN HOW REFRESHING THE MOUNTAIN AIR CAN BE
ESPECIALLY AFTER KAINTAROU'S WORN ME OUT...
rustle
?!
AHHHH...

Haa
Haah
WERE YOU JUST HAVING A NIGHT-MARE?
YEAH. A BIT OF ONE...
SOME TROUBLE'S COME UP.
HUH?

Huff
Haah
Haa
MOTHER!
HELP ME...
KAN-TAROU !!
Haah
...ROU...
KAN ...TA ...
Haa
Haa
KAN-TAROU ...
Huff


THE OLD MAN'S DEAD.
RUSTLE

...HIS MONEY COVERED IN BLOOD...
MASTER FUJI-ZONO IS DEAD...

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-Kasha (Part 2)-

KAEDE CHAN!
KAEDE-CHAN? SORRY TO BOTHER YOU SO LATE
ACK!
shiver
shiver
shiver

THE KYA-SHA TOOK THE MAS-TER...
squeeze
...AND I...
THE "KYASHA" ...
KAEDE-CHAN?

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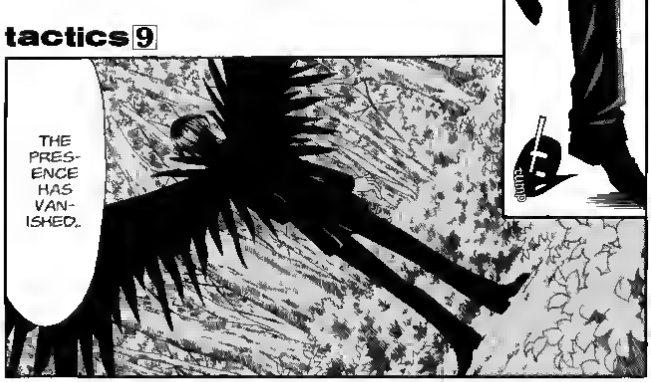

THE PRES-ENCE HAS VAN-ISHED..

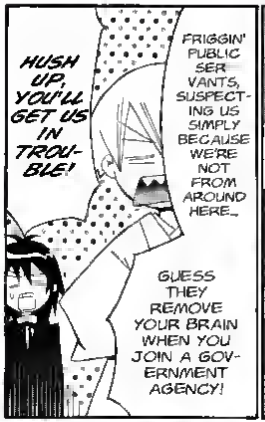
...THE SAME ONE I FELT DURING THE FUNERAL.
BUT, IT'S NOT A FOUL PRES-ENCE...

THE KYASHA DID IT?!
I SAW THE KYASHA!
IT'S GOING TO KILL ME JUST LIKE THE MASTER HELP ME!
flap

DON'T WORRY, WE'LL PROTECT YOU
KAEDE CHAN..
HEY!! WHERE'RE YOU GOING, HARUKA ?!

Battle: sake
W-Wait! Stop! Not here!
Urggh...
stagger
WHY'S HE OUT DRUNK IN BROAD DAYLIGHT-?!
smack
IF YOU'RE GONNA BARF FACE THAT WAY
splish splash

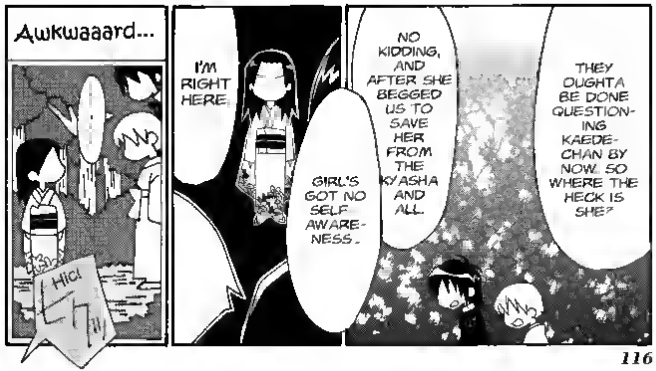
HEY.
?!
bonk
THIS GUY'S NOT HU-MAN!!
gulp
EEEEK!!


HUSH UP, YOU'LL GET US IN TROU-BLE!
FRIGGIN' PUBLIC SER-VANTS, SUSPECT-ING US SIMPLY BECAUSE WE'RE NOT FROM AROUND HERE...
GUESS THEY REMOVE YOUR BRAIN WHEN YOU JOIN A GOV-ERNMENT AGENCY!

SURE, I DIDN'T EXACTLY EXPECT THEM TO BELIEVE THAT THE KYASHA IS THE CUL-PRIT...
BUT THEY'VE SETTLED ON THE HOARY ASSUMP-TION THAT A BURGLAR KILLED THE HIGH PRIEST.

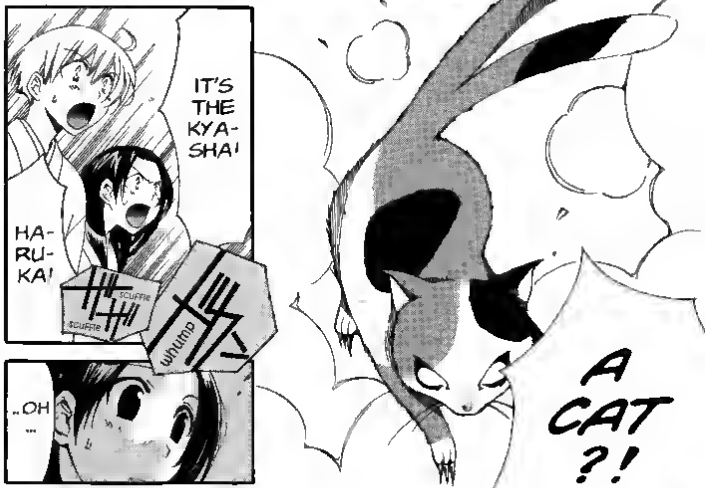
I ALWAYS FEEL THAT WAY AROUND YOU
Hey!!
EVERY-ONE FEELS LIKE THAT, DON'T THEY?

THIS SUCKS, I JUST WANT THIS WHOLE STUPID MESS TO BE OVER
Sigh

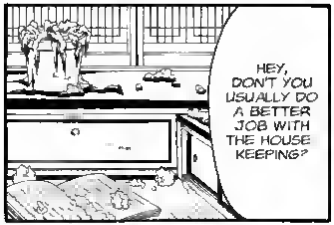

Awkwaaard...
Hic!
I'M RIGHT HERE.
GIRL'S GOT NO SELF AWARE-NESS.
NO KIDDING, AND AFTER SHE BEGGED US TO SAVE HER FROM THE KYASHA AND ALL.
THEY OUGHTA BE DONE QUESTION-ING KAEDE-CHAN BY NOW. SO WHERE THE HECK IS SHE?

..WITH HIS BARE HAND..!
HE CAUGHT THE KYASHA..
slip
?!
.....
UH.. WELL
hmm
poof
I DON'T ENJOY BULLY-ING THE WEAK
HEY.. WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!
HOW 'BOUT WE GO BACK FOR NOW?
HE TOOK THE TROUBLE TO CATCH IT.. WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM?!
OH, HE GOT AWAY!
EX-CUSE ME?!

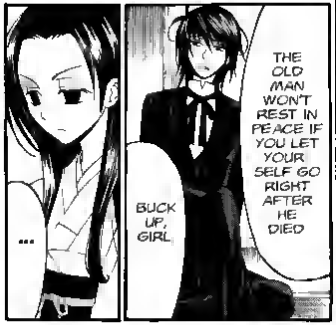
poof
!
THAT'S ENOUGH OF YOUR MISGUID-ED, DIS-GUSTING ATTACKS.

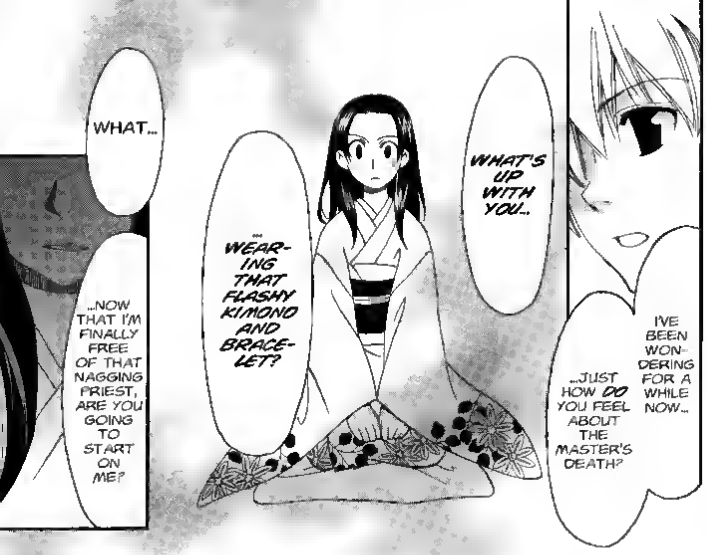

IT'S THE KYA-SHA!
HA-RU-KA!
scurrie
scurrie
whump
..OH ...
A CAT ?!

YOU CHASED DOWN THE KYASHA, BUT THEN YOU LET IT GO ON PURPOSE-- ARE YOU A COMPLETE IDIOT?
SWINDLERS!
YOU'RE WORTH-LESS! HACKS!
カッチーン!
SECTURE


HEY, DON'T YOU USUALLY DO A BETTER JOB WITH THE HOUSE KEEPING?

HEY, WE'VE BEEN PRO-TECTING YOU JUST FINE!!
YOU CAN'T US SWINDLERS UNTIL AFTER YOU GIVE US SOME MONEY!!
THOSE FIRST INSULTS DIDN'T BOTHER YOU?
Your thinking is off


...
BUCK UP, GIRL
THE OLD MAN WON'T REST IN PEACE IF YOU LET YOUR SELF GO RIGHT AFTER HE DIED


WHAT...
...NOW THAT I'M FINALLY FREE OF THAT NAGGING PRIEST, ARE YOU GOING TO START ON ME?
...WEAR-ING THAT FLASHY KIMONO AND BRACE-LET?
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU..
...JUST HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE MASTER'S DEATH?
I'VE BEEN WON-DERING FOR A WHILE NOW...

ALL RIGHT, FINE...
WHAT?! YOU GAVE IN PRETTY QUICK!
THAT GOBLIN CAT!
YOU THINK I KILLED THE MASTER? THE ONE WHO KILLED HIM WAS THE KYASHA ...

THE PROMISE TO PROTECT YOU FROM THE KYASHA, ANYWAY.

..COME ON OUT.
I KNOW YOU'RE THERE
TUBUBU

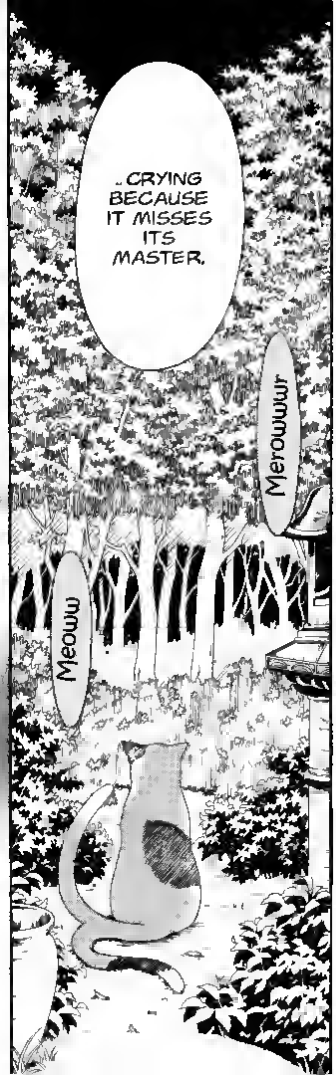
I REFUSE TO GO ANYWHERE WITH SOMEONE LIKE HER.
KAN-TAROU!!
THE OVERBEAR-ING PRIEST IS GONE, SO I'M A FREE GIRL NOW.
CAN I COME WITH YOU TO THE CAPI-TAL?
I GOT IT!

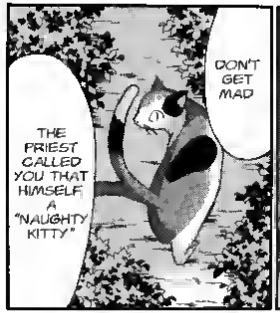
YOU MADE A PROMISE TO PRO-TECT ME FROM THE KYA-SHA...
FEEL LIKE BREAK-ING IT?
SAY...
Oh oh, she's mad.
HAVE YOU FOR-GOT-TEN?

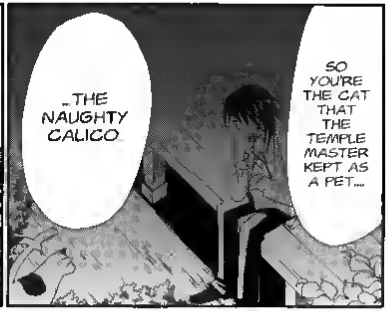
OH, WE'LL KEEP THAT PROMISE.

A WOODEN MARKER WILL BE MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR HIS GRAVE.

HUH ...?


..CRYING BECAUSE IT MISSES ITS MASTER.
Meowww
Merowwwr


THE PRIEST CALLED YOU THAT HIMSELF, A "NAUGHTY KITTY"
DON'T GET MAD


..THE NAUGHTY CALICO.
SO YOU'RE THE CAT THAT THE TEMPLE MASTER KEPT AS A PET...

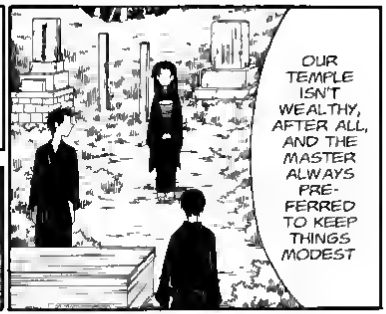
Mrowr
...
Rowr
Meow
Mrowrrr

MUST BE THIS TEMPLE'S PET CAT...

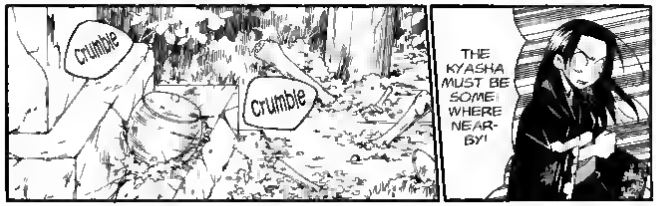
HM?
IS THAT A STRAY CAT OUTSIDE? IT'S MAKING AN AWFUL RACKET!

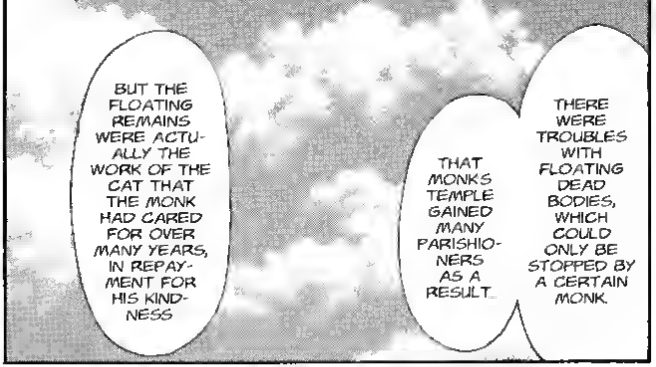
EEEEK!!
crack!
HERE IT COMES
HUH?

WELL, I GUESS YOU'D KNOW BEST, KAEDE, SINCE YOU DID LIVE WITH HIM.
Clatter


OUR TEMPLE ISN'T WEALTHY, AFTER ALL, AND THE MASTER ALWAYS PREFERRED TO KEEP THINGS MODEST

THE BODY'S RISING! NOT AGAIN!
AUGGHH!


Crumble
Crumble
THE KYASHA MUST BE SOMEWHERE NEARBY!


THERE WERE TROUBLES WITH FLOATING DEAD BODIES, WHICH COULD ONLY BE STOPPED BY A CERTAIN MONK.
THAT MONK'S TEMPLE GAINED MANY PARISHIONERS AS A RESULT.
BUT THE FLOATING REMAINS WERE ACTUALLY THE WORK OF THE CAT THAT THE MONK HAD CARED FOR OVER MANY YEARS, IN REPAYMENT FOR HIS KINDNESS

IT'S QUITE A STORY.
MASTER FUJIZONO MAY HAVE DIED WITHOUT KNOWING THAT IT WAS YOUR DOING.
BUT YOU KNOW HE WOULDN'T WISH HARM ON OTHERS, RIGHT?
IF HE WASN'T A GOOD PERSON, THEN YOU WOULDN'T BE REPAYING HIM.

...
!

Clatter
観自在菩薩
行深般若波羅蜜多時
Clatter
!
whoosh

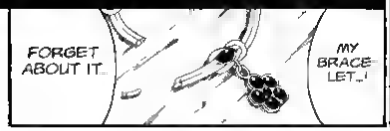
OH ...!

...

IN AN OLD TALE...

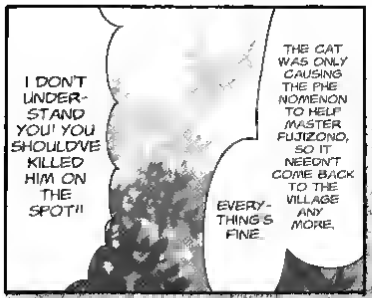
BY CHANTING THE HEART SUTRA, I WAS ABLE TO HALT THE CREEPY PHENOMENON OF THE FLOATING REMAINS
JUST AS MASTER FUJIZONO DID.

WELL, FINE. SINCE I'M GOING TO THE CAPITAL TOMORROW, I WON'T EVER HAVE TO SEE THAT KYASHA AGAIN ANYWAY.
snap!
!?
!


FORGET ABOUT IT.
MY BRACE-LET...!

I KNOW I'D BE.

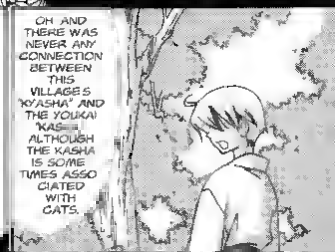
IT MUST'VE BEEN SICK OF BEING IN CONTACT WITH YOU.

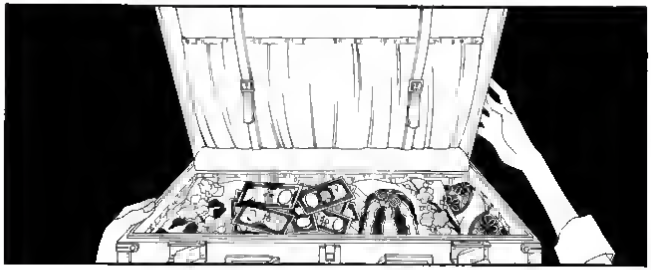

I DON'T UNDER-STAND YOU! YOU SHOULD'VE KILLED HIM ON THE SPOT!!
THE CAT WAS ONLY CAUSING THE PHENOMENON TO HELP MASTER FUJIZONO, SO IT NEED'NT COME BACK TO THE VILLAGE ANY MORE.
EVERY-THING'S FINE.

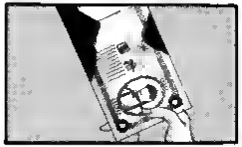
...WHY ARE YOU JUST LET-TING THAT MONSTER GO?

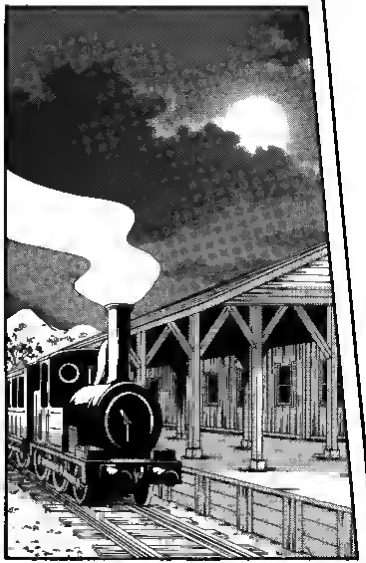
IT'S MUCH MORE LIKELY THAT HE WAS KILLED BY SOMEONE ELSE, WHO THEN LET THE "KYASHA" GET BLAMED FOR IT.
YOU SEE...
...I SIMPLY CAN'T BELIEVE THE KYASHA WOULD KILL A PRIEST SO BELOVED BY EVERYONE.

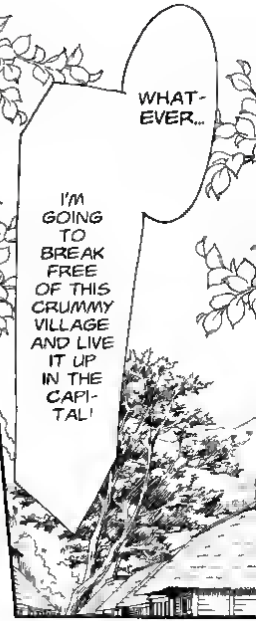
...
AT ANY RATE, NOW THAT WE'VE FULFILLED OUR PROM-ISE TO PRO-TECT YOU FROM THE KYASHA, IT'S TIME WE LEFT.


OH, AND THERE WAS NEVER ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS VILLAGE'S "KYASHA" AND THE YOUKAI "KASHA," ALTHOUGH THE KASHA IS SOME-TIMES ASSO-CIATED WITH CATS.








WHAT-EVER...
I'M GOING TO BREAK FREE OF THIS CRUMMY VILLAGE AND LIVE IT UP IN THE CAPI-TAL!

BOOM

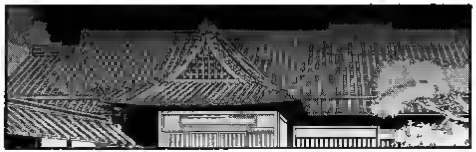
OH HAAARU-KAAA!

SWOOSH

I'M PRETTY SURE THAT THE "KASHA" WILL BE COMING FOR YOU AFTER YOU DIE.

Newspaper: Locomotive Explodes – Cause Unknown
Lone Victim in Miraculous

YOU MAY WELL BE RIGHT



I TOO SHALL ENGRAVE THAT MORAL UPON MY HEART -

KARMIC PAY-BACK...

SOMEDAY I MAY TELL YOU MORE ABOUT MISTER ICHINOMIYA

I HOPE THAT YOU ENJOYED MY STORY TODAY

CHECK OUT THE ARTICLE ABOUT "KARMIC PAY-BACK"...

WHAT'D YOU DO THAT FOR?!

HUH?

I'M OFF TO SEE MISS REIKO.

IS THIS -

HEY.

THEN, SHOULDN'T *YOU* BE MORE CARE-FUL?

ONE MAY ESCAPE THE "KYASHA," BUT THE TRUE "KASHA" NEVER GIVES UP THE PUR-SUIT.

SCARY, HUH?

FOR I WOULD PREFER NOT TO BURN IN THE FIRES OF HELL...

...LORD KASHA.

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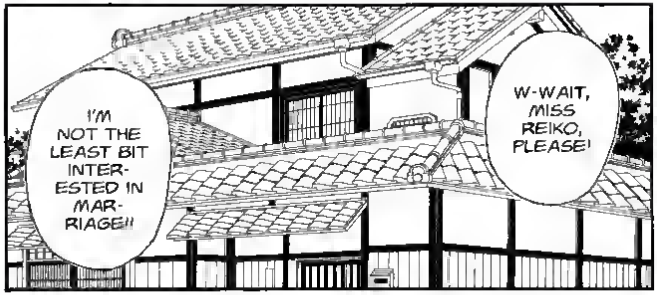
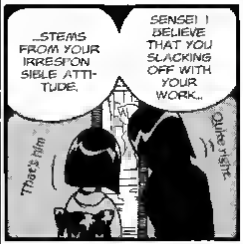


BUT MISS REIKO, WOULDN'T IT JUST BE RUDE TO SUBJECT A PROSPECTIVE BRIDE TO AN OMIAI WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS NO INTENTION TO MAR-RY?



SENSEI! GOOD TO SEE YOU!!
OH, MISS REIKO, UH...
Grip
Reflex
DIDN'T I ALREADY HAND IN MY WORK FOR THIS MONTH...?
DON'T WORRY, I'M NOT HERE ON BUSI-NESS. WHY, DO YOU HAVE SOME-THING GOING ON TODAY, ICHINO-MIYA-SENSEI? ANYTHING IMPORTANT?
UH, WELL... NOT... REALLY...
THEN IT'S SETTLED!
AN OMIAI FOR YOU!!
I'VE LINED UP...
Whaaa?!

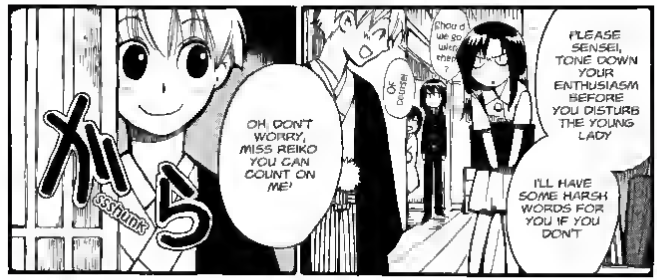
An Omiai is a formal marriage meeting via a matchmaker where a prospective couple meets to determine if they'd be a good pair

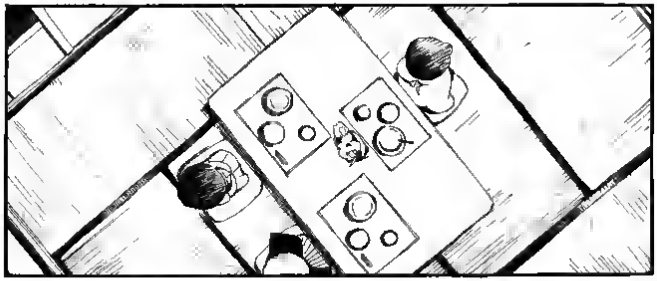
GREET-INGS, SIR
I HAVE BEEN VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO MEET-ING YOU! ♡

I HAVE TRAVELED A GREAT DISTANCE SO THAT I MIGHT OFFER MYSELF AS YOUR BRIDE, KANTAROU-SAMA!
glomp
WAUGHH!
SORRY BUT... I THINK YOU HAVE THE WRONG ADDRESS...
DO YOU KNOW THIS GIRL SENSEI!?
N-NO...
I'VE NO CLUE WHO SHE COULD BE
WHAT!? SOMEONE'S IN THE ENTRYWAY!? IS THAT A GIRL!?
SO, UH, HOW CAN I HELP YOU?
HUH?

BUT, THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF IN-SISTS THAT I FIND A HUSBAND FOR HIS GRAND DAUGHTER!!
ALL RIGHT! OMIAI, HERE I COME!!
I LOOK SO PATHETIC, HAVING TO ARRANGE A MARRIAGE FOR THIS BUNGLING AUTHOR WHEN I'M NOT EVEN MARRIED YET!
I HATE YOU, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF!
Waahh!
WELL, YOU SEE... IT'S NOT LIKE I'M PLAYING MATCH-MAKER BECAUSE I WANT TO, SENSEI!
HUH?! REALLY ?!
munch munch
WELL OF COURSE! YOU'RE AL-READY A PAIN TO DEAL WITH PROFESSION-ALLY. WHY WOULD I WANT TO MANAGE YOUR PERSONAL AFFAIRS AS WELL?
TH-THAT WAS BLUNT...

WELL, GETTING HIM SETTLED DOWN COULD CERTAINLY HELP US OUT IN VARIOUS WAYS.
MY MIND'S MADE UP! LET'S GET A MOVE ON, MISS REIKO!
IS THERE NO JUSTICE IN THIS WORLD ?!
HM HMM, THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD PROSPECT! ♡ AN EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S FAMILY MUST BE PRETTY WEALTHY!!
Plus he'll get more work, so we won't have to go hungry anymore!

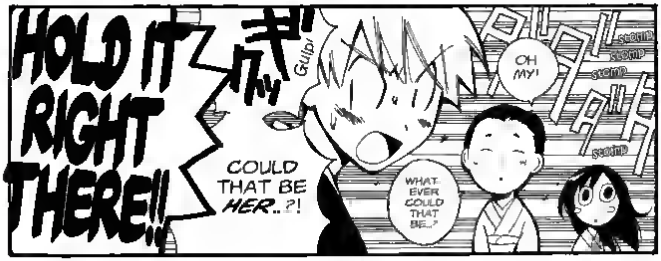

カラ
(shunk)
OH, DON'T WORRY, MISS REIKO YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!
Okay, Sensei
PLEASE SENSEI, TONE DOWN YOUR ENTHUSIASM BEFORE YOU DISTURB THE YOUNG LADY
I'LL HAVE SOME HARSH WORDS FOR YOU IF YOU DON'T

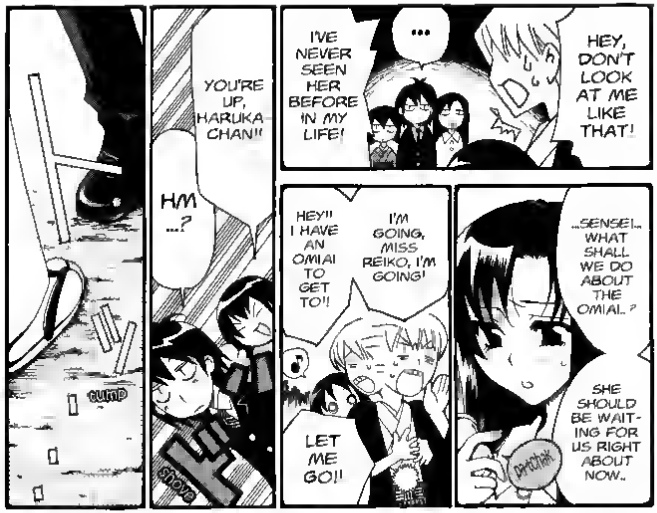


YOU'RE NEARLY THERE!
ATTA BOY, SENSEI!
AIN'T SHE SWEET? I BETTER TRY MY BEST FOR THE BOSS, TOO I WILL MAKE HER HAPPY!
AW-RIGHT! OKAY THE NEXT IS UP TO YOU!

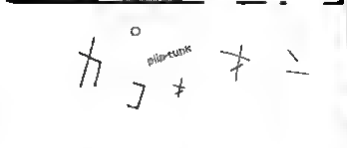
I'M ACTUALLY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS.. FARE-WELL, BACHELORHOOD!
WELL THEN I'LL GIVE YOU TWO SOME TIME ALONE..

HA HA HA, YOU COULD SAY THAT I AM BUT A FOOL FOR LOVE, AFTER ALL
HO HO HO.. YOU ARE RATHER AMUSING, MISTER ICHINO MIYA.


HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!!
Gulp
COULD THAT BE HER..?!
OH MY!
WHAT EVER COULD THAT BE..?


YOU'RE UP, HARUKA CHAN!!
HM ...?
I'VE NEVER SEEN HER BEFORE IN MY LIFE!
...
HEY, DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT!
HEY!! I HAVE AN OMIAI TO GET TO!!
I'M GOING, MISS REIKO, I'M GOING!
LET ME GO!!
...SENSEI!.. WHAT SHALL WE DO ABOUT THE OMIAI..?
SHE SHOULD BE WAITING FOR US RIGHT ABOUT NOW..

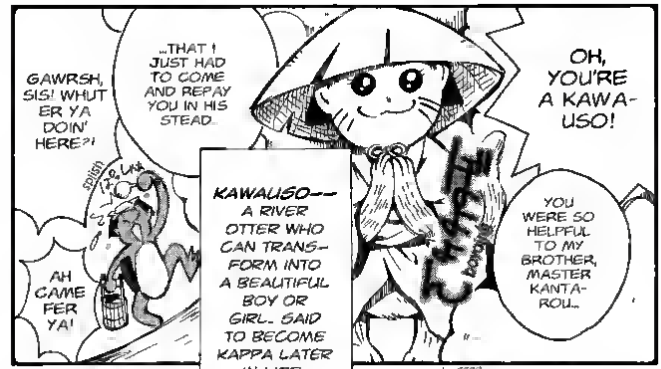
THEY SWIRL LIKE THE SPIRALING MILKY WAY, WITH.. THICK CLOUDS? LIKE IN A WINTER STORM OF LOVE, BLOWING AGAINST MY HEART THE ENDLESS MILKY WAY OF PASSION..
Run for it, Kan-chan! GO GO!!

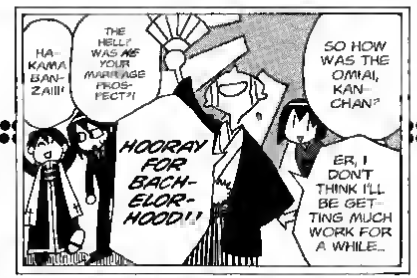

pitter-tunk

C-CALM DOWN, MISS REIKO!!
MISTER HARUKA ?!
UH, I JUST ..I'M LOST..IN YOUR LOVELY EYES.

bonk
SO.. SO COOL!!
I HAVE COME TO YOUR AID, SIR! ♡
NOW, WOULD YOU MARRY ME..?
K-KAN-TAROU! SHE'S A..!!
I DO..
BUT WHO ON EARTH COULD YOU BE!?

HOW I'VE LONGED TO SEE THIS, KAN-TAROU-SAN !!
ssh-BAM!!
GAHHH
Which bird told you I was here?!
A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME THAT YOU WERE CLAD IN FORMAL HAKAMA WITH YOUR FAMILY CREST, AND I SIMPLY COULD NOT RESIST ITS PULL...
OOOH, SUCH UNIMAGI-NABLE BLISS!!
huff huff
PLEASE EXCUSE ME, SENSE, BUT I SUDDENLY FEEL ILL... I SHOULD GO HOME AND LIE DOWN
MISTER ICHINOMIYA... IT WAS NICE MEETING YOU TODAY. BUT I... REALLY MUST BE GO NG
SOME-ONE, ANYONE, GET THIS GUY OUT OF HERE!!
Huh?! Wait!!
OH, CERTAINLY, AND THANKS! YOU'VE DONE A SPLENDID JOB HERE TODAY
You ruined my Omiai!!
Be sure to wear hakama next time! Ikuyo
SHE LIKED ME I'M SURE OF IT!! THINGS WERE GOING SUPER GREAT! NOW YOU'VE GONE AND MADE ME LOOK LIKE A FRIGGIN' WEIRDO !!
HOW CAN YOU ENJOY RUINING THE BEST CHANCE I'VE EVER HAD IN LIFE?!
HA HA HA
AAAH, THE HAKA MA'S GRABBED HOLD OF ME! ♡
ACK!


GAWRSH, SIS! WHUT ER YA DOIN' HERE?!
...THAT I JUST HAD TO COME AND REPAY YOU IN HIS STEAD.
OH, YOU'RE A KAWA-USO!
KAWAUSO--- A RIVER OTTER WHO CAN TRANS-FORM INTO A BEAUTIFUL BOY OR GIRL. SAID TO BECOME KAPPA LATER IN LIFE.
YOU WERE SO HELPFUL TO MY BROTHER, MASTER KANTA-ROU...
AH CAME FER YA!
...
AAAH, MY KANTA-ROU-SAMAAA...
WE'RE AGOIN' BACK TA THE MOUNTAIN!! NOW GIT!


HA-KAMA BAN-ZAII!
THE HELL? WAS ME YOUR MARRIAGE PROS-PECT?!
HOORAY FOR BACH-ELOR-HOOD!!
SO HOW WAS THE OMAI, KAN-CHAN?
ER, I DON'T THINK I'LL BE GET-TING MUCH WORK FOR A WHILE...

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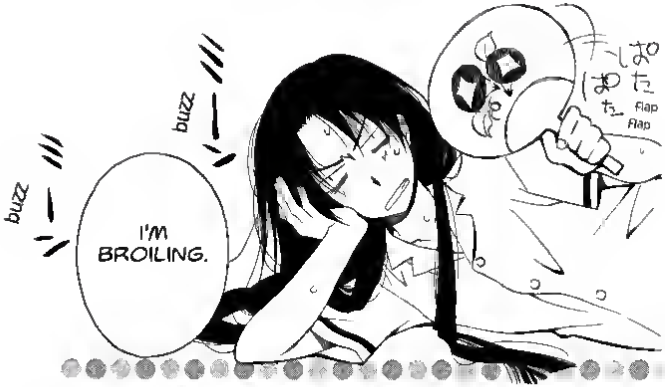
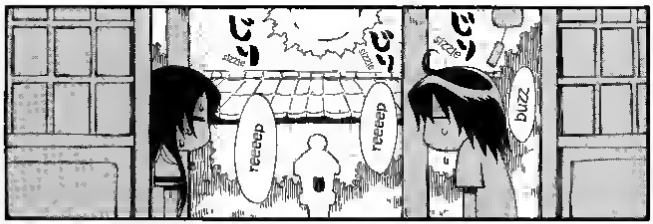
-Yuki-Onna-


buzz
buzz
I'M BROILING.
Flap Flap

reeep
reeep
reeep
MAAAAAN, IT'S SO HOT.

YOU DARE MOCK A NOBLE YOUNG TENGU LIKE ME?! YOU WON'T LIKE ME WHEN I'M ANGRY!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, DEMON EATER ?!

SO FINE, GET MAD! THEN BROIL UP AND DIE!!
PSH! ALL YOUR TALK OF BROIL-ING... JUST MAKES IT WORSE!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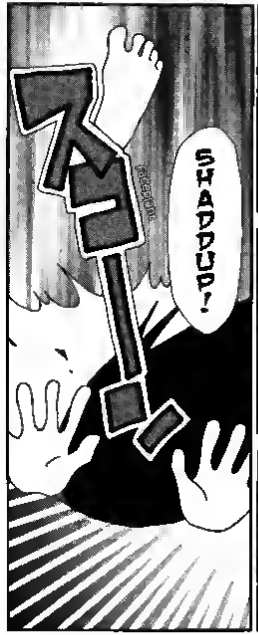

SHADDUP!

Hot!
Too!
It's!
Broil!
Oh yeah!
Now I'm hotter

DON'T MAKE THIS MY FAULT!
BUT IT IS YOUR FAULT!
IT'S EVEN HOTTER BECAUSE YOU'RE HERE!!
SAY WHAT?!
SHUT UP AND MELT!!
I'M MEEELT-IN...
I'M DYYYY-IN'...
AUUUGH, IT'S HOOOOT...

...WAIT, WHERE IS MUU CHAN...?!
DON'T SPEAK HIS NAME IN THE SAME BREATH AS MINE!
SPEAKING OF, SUGINO, WHY ISN'T KANTAROU WHINING ABOUT THE HEAT TOO? WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM?
Mph?
GAHH, I'M WIPED OUT... THINK I'LL GO FLYING AND CATCH SOME BREEZE...
NO MAN, DON'T DO IT. THEY HAVEN'T INVENTED SUNSCREEN YET... YOU'LL GET SEARED BY SOLAR RADIATION...

REALLY, KANTA-ROU... FLIRT-ING...?!
THAT'S A DEADLY GAME!
THERE THEY ARE!!
shh-BAM
GOD, QUIT YELLING... I'M ABOUT TO LOSE IT...
KANTA-ROOOU!! YOU BAS-TARD, WHERE ARE YOU?!
MUU-UU! ♡
AHA HA HA! ♡
SHADDUP! GRR.. SUGINO, SHUT IT!! DAAAM-MIT-- IT'S HOOO-OOT!!
KAN-TAROU!! MUU-CHAN! WHERE DID YOU RUN OFF TO?!
Scream
Discomfort Index 500

SEND YOU TO HELL!!!
GYA AAAA AAH!
KAN TAROU, WHERE DID THAT ICE COME FROM?
EWW, SUGINO SAMA, WHAT DID YOU THINK I WAS DOING? PERV
FOUND YOU AT LAST! ♡ OH, I'M SO GLAD HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO YOU MUU CHAN!!
'CAUSE HEY, IT'S HOT.
OH, THIS? I BOUGHT IT WITH MY SECRET STASH.
HUH?
...WHY! OUGHT-TA...
YAY, LET'S COOL OFF TOGETH-ER!
SO YOU HOARDED IT ALL FOR YOUR-SELF...?

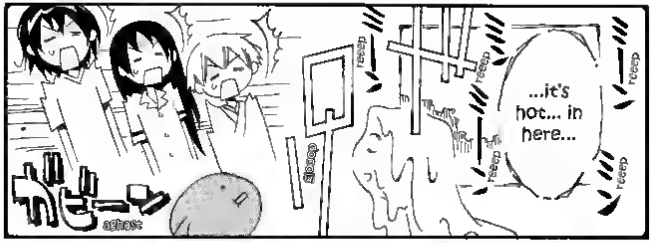
WOW... YOU'RE REALLY WELL CONNECTED, MUU CHAN.
SHE SAID THEY'RE OLD FRIENDS
REALLY?! THE SNOW QUEEN ?!
screech
HEY, GREAT NEWS GUYS!! MUU-CHAN'S GOING TO CALL YUKI-ONNA!

pop
turn turn turn
SHE'S SPINNING AROUND ?!
spin spin spin spin
HE-HEY! IS SHE ALL RIGHT ?!
Mu Mu Mu Mu
N-NOW HER FACE IS PUFFING UP!
AHHH! I LIKE NICE AND CHILLY -!!
IF SHE COMES HERE THE AIR WILL GET NICE AND CHILLY! MUU-CHAN YOU'RE A GENIUS!
SO, HOW'S SHE GOING TO CALL HER?
Muu-haaaa!
むぅはぁぁぁ
SOMETHING'S COMING OUT OF HER MOUTH?!
WAUGH!

KAN-TAROU... I'M KIND OF SORRY. GO BUY MORE ICE, BUT GET ENOUGH FOR ALL OF US THIS TIME.
MONEY'S AAAAALL GONE
Hmph
ATTACK KANTAROU ALL YOU LIKE BUT DON'T TOUCH THE ICE!!
STUPID DEMON EATER!
OW OW WOW
AAH!! THE ICE... IT'S ALL... GONE...
BUT, I... I...
びっしょり～
drenched

YOU'RE JUST MAKING IT MORE SWELTERING IN HERE! KNOCK IT OFF!
Gahh!!
ARRGGH!! HERE I TOOK THE TROUBLE OF HALF-APOLOGIZING, SO DON'T YOU GIVE ME THAT ATTITUDE!!

HM? WHAT IS IT, MUU-CHAN?
Aaah, I can see the ocean. Come on, it's fun
WOULD SOMEONE PLEASE INVENT AIR CONDITIONING ALREADY!
'S HOT... DO SOME THIN'...
MU! MU!
MUU...
Groan
うだ――
Groan
うだ――
Groan
Ghost Stories Summer Special


...it's hot... in here...
drip
drip
drip
drip
drip
ポタポタ

WH-WHAT'LL WE DO, MUU-CHAN...?

SHE'S JUST LIKE A SNOW-MAN! HEY!
splash
OH NO! MISS YUKI-ONNA MELTED!

WOOOW! IT'S A WINTER WONDER-LAND!!

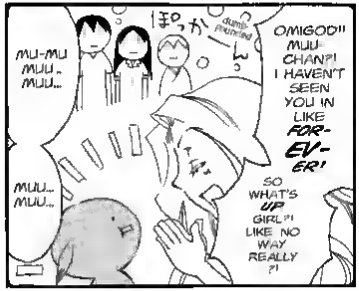
Eek! It talks!
PLEASE TAKE ME TO THE LAND OF ICE..

I'LL OPEN THE DOOR NOW...
Creak
Creak
Creeeeeak
"LAND OF ICE"?

IT COOLED OFF RIGHT AWAY!!
WHOA
gaaah

WAS IT YOU SCUM?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
glare

I CAN'T! I CAN'T TELL HER THAT WE JUST WANTED TO COOL OFF!!
U-UHH...
WELL...


dumb pointing
OMIGOD!! MUU-CHAN?! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN LIKE FOR-EV-ER!
MU-MU MUU.. MUU...
MUU... MUU...
SO WHAT'S UP GIRL?! LIKE NO WAY REALLY?!

WHO DARES...
whoosh
..TO CALL UPON ME..?
ユキオンナ

SHUT UP, IT'S ME FIRST!
QUICKLY, TO HEAVEN ..!!
SO NICE AND CHILLY ...
AUGH! ME FIRST!
SOO COOL ...
IT'S ICE!! THE LAND OF ICE!!
WHOA! THERE IT IS!
Frozen
Oh.
Uh.
Buh-
Brrr!
I HOPE THEY STAY FROZEN ALL SUMMER ...
WHEW! FOOLS RUSH IN. GLAD THAT'S NOT ME!
COOL
COOL

---NOW LIVES IN OUR MODERN ERA.
AFTER A LONG SLUMBER, THE LEGENDARY DEMON-EATING TENGU, STRONGEST OF THE YOUKAI...

GOOOOD MORNING, HARUKA!!
I FIND THIS CREATURE'S HABITS AND BEHAVIOR TO BE MOST FASCINATING.

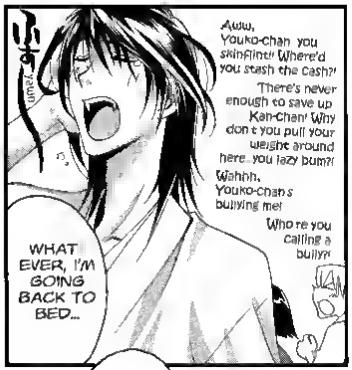
GO WIPE YOUR FACE AND GET YOUR BUTT TO THE TABLE! BREAKFAST IS GETTING COLD!!
COME ON, RISE AND SHINE!

PIPE DOWN, WILL YA...
scritch scritch

HI KAN-CHAN, IS HARUKA-CHAN UP YET?
YEAH, HE'S JUST WASHING UP RIGHT N--
...

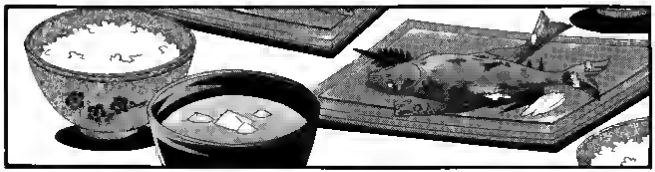
THE HAKAMA ARE TOO SHORT! NOW HE LOOKS EVEN MORE PATHETIC!!
WOW, IT LOOKS SURPRISINGLY GOOD ON YOU, HARUKA!!

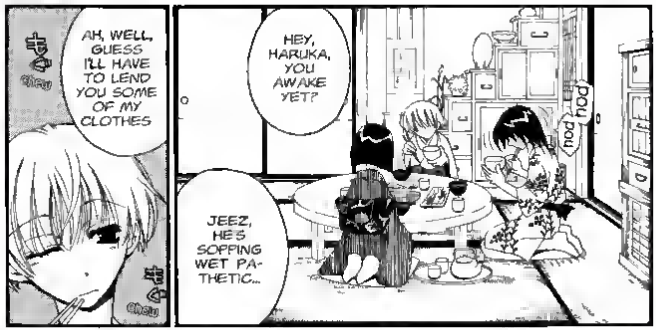
YOU CAN'T GET BLOOD FROM A STONE!
FINE, THEN GIMME SOME MONEY SO WE CAN GO BUY HIM NEW CLOTHES

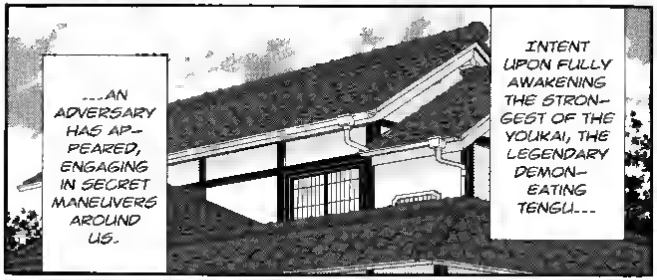

Awww, Youko-chan you skinflint!! Where'd you stash the cash?
There's never enough to save up
Kan-chan! Why don't you pull your weight around here...you lazy bum?!
Wahhh. Youko-chan's bullying me!
Who're you calling a bully?!
WHATEVER, I'M GOING BACK TO BED...

HELLO? IS ANYBODY HOME?

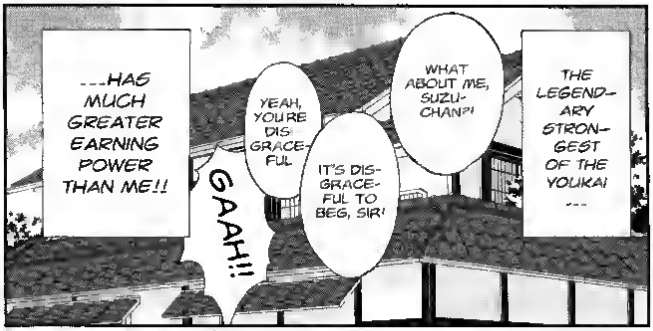
IT'S COLD...
AUGH, WHAT'RE YOU DOING, HARUKA? YOU'RE STILL DOZING!
I'M UP...
GO GET A DAMN TOWEL...!
SCREECH!




AH, WELL, GUESS I'LL HAVE TO LEND YOU SOME OF MY CLOTHES
HEY, HARUKA, YOU AWAKE YET?
JEEZ, HE'S SOPPING WET PATHETIC...


...AN ADVERSARY HAS APPEARED, ENGAGING IN SECRET MANEUVERS AROUND US.
INTENT UPON FULLY AWAKENING THE STRONGEST OF THE YOUKAI, THE LEGENDARY DEMON-EATING TENGU...

Hmm Thanks
Oh, and try this! It's a Western sweet called chocolate. And and these are sunglasses... And this here is a handkerchief and tissue...


...HAS MUCH GREATER EARNING POWER THAN ME!!
YEAH, YOU'RE DISGRACEFUL
IT'S DISGRACEFUL TO BEG, SIR!
WHAT ABOUT ME, SUZU-CHAN?!
THE LEGENDARY STRONGEST OF THE YOUKAI ...
GAAH!!

Suzu is an original character who only appeared in the TV anime shown from Oct. 2004 to Mar 2005. She is the daughter of Viscount Calegrave, and is Suzu-ever beloved for Suzu-ka.

Gaaaaah!
JUST PLEASE I'M BEGGING YOU!! DON'T CUT MY HAIR!!
ALL RIGHT!! FINE. I'LL DO WHAT YOU WANT!!
THAT'S ENOUGH OUTTA YOU!
ARE YOU REALLY A TENGU?
YOU'RE SUCH A CRYBABY, SUGINO-SAMA!
Boo-!
BUT HARUKA WOULDN'T HUG MUU-CHAN. HEY MUU-CHAN, COME ON OVER HERE!
WAAAH! ANYTHING BUT THAT!
HELLO? IS ANYBODY HOME?

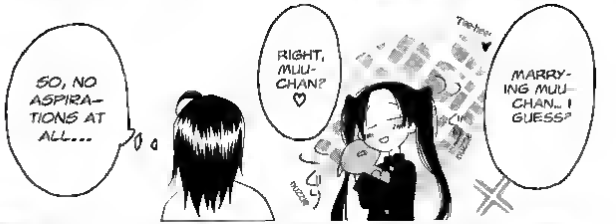
UH, KAN CHAN, THEY'LL SEE THROUGH OUR DISGUISES RIGHT AWAY
ACT AS HIS DECOY!!

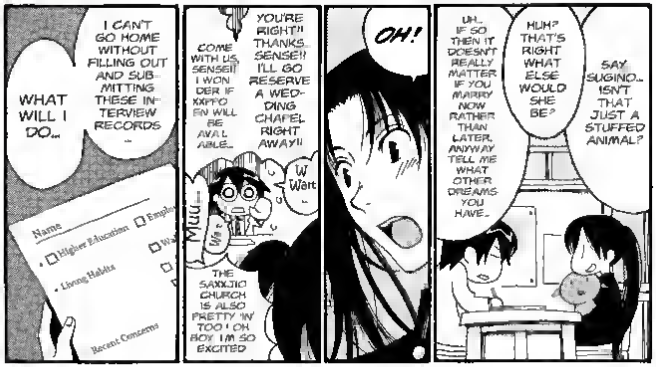
HM? WHY'RE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE...
WE CAME TO HANG!
YO DUDES, WASSUP?!
I KNOW... BUT IT COSTS TOO MUCH TO GET DECENT MATERIALS.
NOT TO MENTION THE WINGS LOOK PRETTY SHODDY
NAH, THOSE WON'T BE OUT FOR DECADES.
AND YOU'RE TOO SHORT WOULD PLATFORM SHOES HELP?
HMM, YOU HAVE A POINT... GUESS I NEED BLACK HAIR.
SHRIP
Gaah!

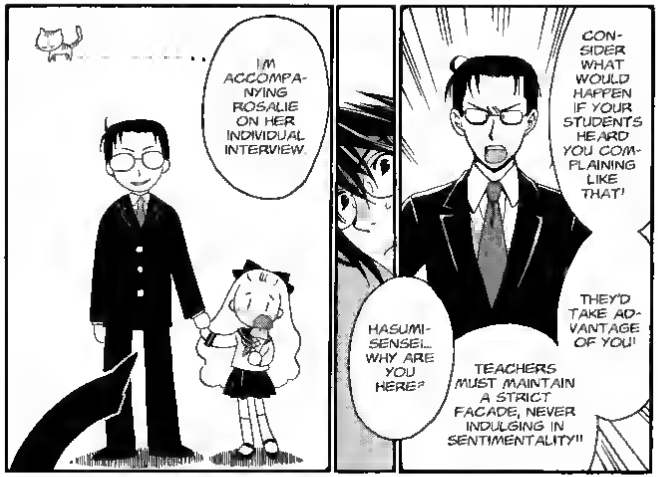
FLY AWAY! TACTICS ACADEMY
WE WILL BE HAVING INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS AFTER CLASS TODAY...
What a pain...
Boo
I'M STICKING TO THE TIME LIMIT!
NO WHINING!!
Not like I want to stay late either!
Audiovisual Room
WELL, I GUESS MOST CHILDREN COULD USE MORE SPARE TIME BUT WHAT ABOUT THESE STUDENTS? I DOUBT THEY'D EVEN BE ABLE TO PUT IT TO GOOD USE!
GOOD GRIEF... THEY SAY WE SHOULD GIVE STUDENTS MORE UNSTRUCTURED TIME IN THEIR EDUCATION, BUT THEY'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES WHO NEED A BREAK...
NO ONE EVER CONSIDERS UNSTRUCTURING MY TIME...
BOO...
COME TO THE AUDIOVISUAL ROOM AT YOUR APPOINTED TIME! GOT THAT?
Yikes!
WHAT ARE YOU WHINING ABOUT, HARUKA-SENSEI!!

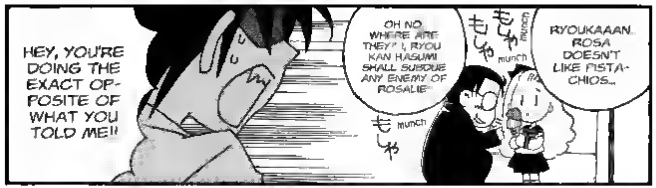
HARUKA... NO...!
MISTER...
Silly silly Suzu! Aha ha!
Oh no, how embarrassing, I was completely fooled.
Sorry we had to fool you, Suzu chan. But it's great that the disguise worked!!
Ha ha!
Ha ha!
Aha ha!
WAIT, SUZU-CHAN! SEE? THAT ISN'T HARUKA-CHAN!! IT'S SUGINO-SAMA!
grab
HUH?
HOW COULD YOU LAY HANDS ON SOMEONE ELSE'S WIFE WHEN YOU HAVE SOMEONE LIKE ME? YOU'RE HORRIBLE!!
dash
Yawn
Yawn
SUZU... ARE YOU TRULY IN LOVE WITH ME...?
HARUKA SWORE IN HIS HEART TO PROTECT HIMSELF WITHOUT THE HELP OF ANYONE ELSE.

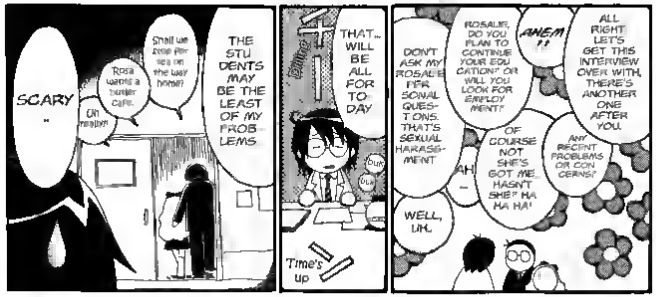
SO..
DO YOU HAVE ANY DREAMS OR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE, SUGINO?
WOW ANOTHER ODD COUPLE.
HUH? WHAT'S THAT?
UH, JUST TALKING TO MYSELF
YO!
MUU...


SO, NO ASPIRATIONS AT ALL....
RIGHT, MUU-CHAN? ♡
MARRYING MUU-CHAN.. I GUESS?
Tachibana
CHU
nuzzle


WHAT WILL I DO..
I CAN'T GO HOME WITHOUT FILLING OUT AND SUBMITTING THESE INTERVIEW RECORDS
Name
Higher Education
Living Habits
Recent Concerns
COME WITH US, SENSEI! I WON DER IF XXPPO FN WILL BE AVAILABLE..
YOU'RE RIGHT!! THANKS SENSEI! I'LL GO RESERVE A WEDDING CHAPEL RIGHT AWAY!!
Muu...
W Wart
THE SAXXJIO CHURCH IS ALSO PRETTY W TOO! OH BOY I'M SO EXCITED
OH!
UH.. IF SO THEN IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER IF YOU MARRY NOW RATHER THAN LATER, ANYWAY TELL ME WHAT OTHER DREAMS YOU HAVE..
HUH? THAT'S RIGHT WHAT ELSE WOULD SHE BE?
SAY, SUGINO.. ISN'T THAT JUST A STUFFED ANIMAL?


I'M ACCOMPANYING ROSALIE ON HER INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEW.
HASUMI-SENSEI... WHY ARE YOU HERE?
CONSIDER WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOUR STUDENTS HEARD YOU COMPLAINING LIKE THAT!
THEY'D TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOU!
TEACHERS MUST MAINTAIN A STRICT FACADE, NEVER INDULGING IN SENTIMENTALITY!!


HEY, YOU'RE DOING THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF WHAT YOU TOLD ME!!
OH NO, WHERE ARE THEY?! I, RYOU KAN HASUMI SHALL SUBDUE ANY ENEMY OF ROSALIE
munch
RYOUKAAAN. ROSA DOESN'T LIKE PISTACHIOS...


SCARY..
Oh freight!
Rosa wants a parfait cafe.
Shall we order the set on the way home?
THE STUDENTS MAY BE THE LEAST OF MY PROBLEMS.
THAT... WILL BE ALL FOR TODAY
Bang!
Time's up
DON'T ASK MY ROSALIE PERSONAL QUESTIONS. THAT'S SEXUAL HARASSMENT
ROSALIE, DO YOU PLAN TO CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION? OR WILL YOU LOOK FOR EMPLOYMENT?
AHEM!!
ALL RIGHT LET'S GET THIS INTERVIEW OVER WITH. THERE'S ANOTHER ONE AFTER YOU.
OF COURSE NOT SHE'S GOT ME. HASN'T SHE? HA HA HA!
ANY RECENT PROBLEMS OR CONCERNS?
WELL, UH.

HEYA, HARUKA-SENSEI!!
HONOR STUDENT KANTAROU ICHINOMIYA IS HERE FOR HIS MEETING!!
...THAT STYLE OF UNIFORM REALLY DOESN'T SUIT YOU...
I DIDN'T ASK FOR COMMENTARY!!
He's mind reader
SAY HARUKA-SENSEI WOULDN'T YOU RATHER GET THIS STUFF OVER WITH AND LEAVE EARLY?
HUH?!
I KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT MY CLASSMATES THOUGHTS AND ACTIVITIES.
IT'S ALL HERE IN MY "FLY AWAY STUDENTS BLUE SKIED YOUTH FILES!!
JUST SUBMIT THIS ON TOP OF THE FORMS, AND YOU CAN GO HOME RIGHT AWAY
WELL I AM THE BEST IN THE ACADEMY AT COLLECTING INFORMATION. I DO MORE BEFORE BREAKFAST THAN MOST DO ALL DAY
Go me!
MY CLASSMATES ARE ALL HARDENED CRIMINALS. IT WON'T BE EASY TO GET THEM TALKING. WHO KNOWS IF YOU'LL EVER MAKE IT HOME TODAY...
THAT'S CERTAINLY TRUE...
WH-WHY WOULD YOU GIVE ME SUCH A...
gulp

FIVE BEEF BOWLS, HUH? SURE, NO PROBLEM
NO FIFTY THOUSAND! FIFTY THOUSAND YEN CASH!!
THAT'S ABSURD!!
BUT YOU CAN TALK ME DOWN TO FIVE BEEF BOWLS.
OKAY THEN!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, KAN-CHAN!!
THIS WILL BE ENOUGH
JUST THIS MUCH.
...
WHAT'S YOUR DEMAND?
ASSUME THERE'S STRINGS ATTACHED...
THE TACTICS ACADEMY STUDENT COUNCIL LED BY RAIKOU MINAMOTO, HAS COME TO PASS JUDGMENT!!
Ha ha ha!
WE'VE JUST WITNESSED BRIBERY BETWEEN A STUDENT AND A TEACHER!!
Tada!
5 beef bowl coupons
DOESN'T THAT FILE CONTAIN OUR WEIGHTS AND MEASUREMENTS?!
YOU TOOK THOSE BEHIND OUR BACKS!!
THIS NOTEBOOK CONTAINS EVERYBODY'S WEAK NESSES!! ONE STEP CLOSER AND I'LL REVEAL ALL!!
YOU JERKS! INCINERATE THAT RECORD RIGHT NOW!!
THE STUDENT COUNCIL WILL CONFISCATE THOSE FILES AS EVIDENCE!!
I KNEW YOU'D BETRAY ME, KANTAROU! GIVE ME BACK THOSE BEEF BOWL COUPONS!
IT HURTS, MASTER RAIKOU! IT HURTS!!
Aha ha ha!
AND THUS HARUKA-SENSEI SPENDS ANOTHER DAY OF UNENDURABLE HARDSHIP SURROUNDED BY A PACK OF DELINQUENTS.
HANG IN THERE, HARUKA-SENSEI!!
tadoon

HIGASHIYAMA-STYLE POSTSCRIPT

Volume 9 is on sale! Amazing...
It's all due to your support. Thank you very much!
Hello, we haven't talked for a while. I'm Kazuko Higashiyama.

A lot was going on again this time, but we managed to get started on this volume! From now on Ms. Kinoshita and I will be working hard to keep up a swifter pace, so please continue to follow our progress.

Lately the story's been focused more on the combo of Young Master Harkon and Iberagi. Since I'm in charge of both characters, this means a lot more drawing for me, but I sure intend to do my utmost! Especially with Iberagi.

March 2007 Kazuko Higashiyama

tactics ·9·

Hello, this is Sakura Kinoshita.
Thank you very much for buying tactics volume 9.
With the next volume we'll start breaking into double-digits.
It's pretty scary how quickly the days and months can pass.
The time goes by silently, but I'm still the same as ever.
No, wait. I'm **DEGENERATING**. Yes, yes I am.

Well . nothing to waste time worrying about.
The content of "tactics" has steadily grown more serious.
To be honest, I'm not so good at drawing realistically,
so it's become more serious on my end, too.
Well... to put it bluntly, I prefer drawing the comical deformed characters.... But okay, I'll do my best to draw seriously.
Let's be serious, everyone! For Pete's sake!!

March 2007 Sakura

Since we have some extra pages this time, I thought I'd use them to advertise the "tactics" drama CDs. They're funny if nothing else, so those who feel bored with their lives should consider buying one!!

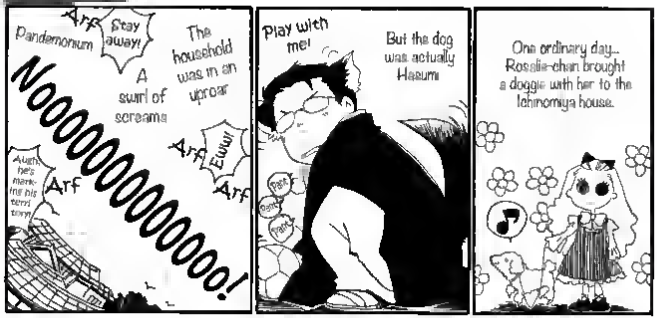
Ciao, y'all!

Moving right along! They comprise 3 CDs featuring these scenarios by Nari Narumi: "What a Commotion! Chronicles of the Inugami Dogfights," "Chiller Thriller... The Cursed Haunted House!" and "Tactics Academy ... The Love Letter is a Sweet Trap?!"

DRAMA CD tactics

Part I

What a Commotion! Chronicles of the Inugami Dogfights



Huh? Is the promo done already?
Go Go!
Hey! Why's this so wordy?
Aha ha ha! Leave it to me! Expelling demons is my specialty!
And so, a leading role emerges from the shadows
EDWARDS !!
It seemed that Hasumi was possessed by an Inugami. In order to purify him of the dog spirit, they had to track down the sorcerer who'd released it and started the whole mess...
I just gave away the plot...
Oops!

I'd like you to meet the main voice actors for "tactics."

Kantarou = Kouki Miyata
Haruka = Takahiro Sakurai
Youko = Tomoko Kawakami
Sugino = Souichirou Hoshi
Muu-chan = Omi Minami
Ryoukan Hasumi = Nobuo Tobita
Rosalia = Marina Inoue
Raikou = Masaya Matsukaze
Watanabe = Kazuhiko Inoue
Edwards = Hiroki Takahashi

Whoa, there's a pretty big main cast...

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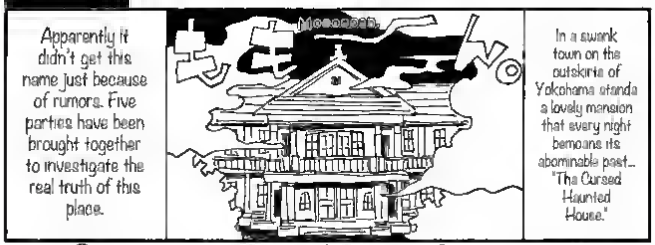
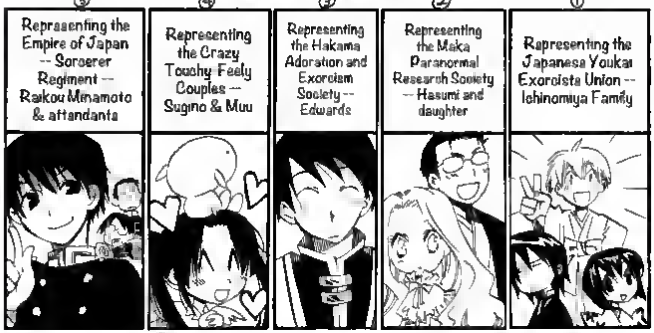
Part II

Chiller Thriller... The Cursed Haunted House!


Apparently it didn't get this name just because of rumors. Five parties have been brought together to investigate the real truth of this place.
Mooooon.
In a swank town on the outskirts of Yokohama stands a lovely mansion that every night bemoans its abominable past... "The Cursed Haunted House."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Representing the Empire of Japan -- Sorcerer Regiment -- Raikou Minamoto & attendants
④
Representing the Crazy Touchy-Feely Couples -- Sugino & Muu
③
Representing the Hakama Adoration and Exorcism Society -- Edwards
②
Representing the Maka Paranormal Research Society -- Hasumi and daughter
①
Representing the Japanese Youkai Exorcists Union -- Ichinomiya Family

What the? Are we all reminiscing about now?
Huh a new character? The Idiot Trio is now complete.
Pure idiots!
That's obvious!! Our Sorcerer Regiment's own Raikou Minamoto!!!
Now then, who will be the first to expose the truth behind this mansion ?!

We've also released two previous drama CDs, for which Ms. Higashiyama wrote the scenarios. Please give them a listen too!
Just can't stop smiling!
Thanks for all the laughs, Ms. Nanami! Sorry we left the dubbing to you as well... Keep making us smile!!

DRAMACD Tactics

Part III

Tactics Academy -- The Love Letter is a Sweet Trap?!

Haruka-sensei receives a love letter, drenched with a weirdly wicked aura, containing secrets about him that no one should know
what?

Stained your Victim Class...
Also this student!!
Heeuuu I'm Colmichiel Takaca!
And this guy who's too old to be a student!!
Huh?
If you feel the desire, kindly purchase them.
We hope everyone enjoys the Tactics Drama CDs!
Grant us this boon!
END
I want a phone pic of Raikou-senpai... shirtless! ♡
Huh? Are we supposed to be cosplaying or something?
Tactics Academy is full of intriguing students!!
First Drama CD Appearances of Ayanon and Ms. Ibaragi
As expected, they aimed for a character like Sakakura Deka's hot-headed Yoko Minamino.
Who on earth could have sent it?!